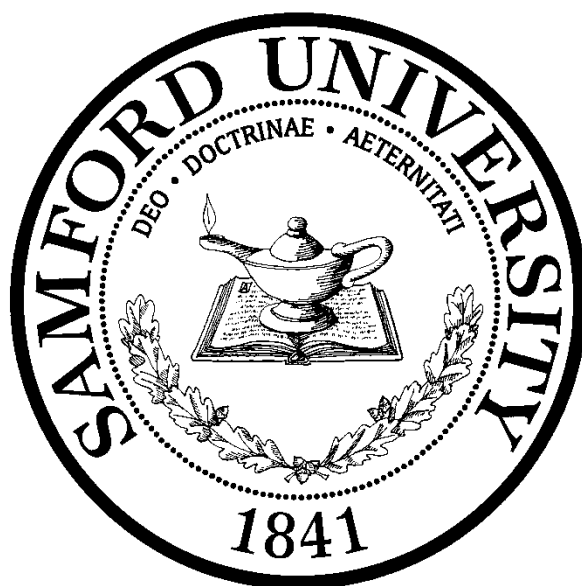


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Academic Calendar and Critical Deadlines

Students are expected to know regulations and policies found in this catalog and the Samford University Student Handbook. Keeping abreast of the school calendar, critical deadlines, as well as all university communication is also the student's responsibility.

Undergraduate Day and Continuing Studies Students

Semester System

Samford University operates on the semester system, consisting of two four-month semesters: fall and spring. The fall semester begins in late August and ends in mid-December. The spring semester begins in January and ends in late April. For undergraduate students, a maximum of 18 credits may be taken during a fall or spring semester without additional approval of an academic dean.

Fall and Spring Semesters and A/B Terms

For students in the online Continuing Studies program, the fall and spring semesters are split into two eight-week terms: A and B. The typical mid-semester point for fall is mid-October and for spring is mid-March. For Continuing Studies students, the normal course load for the fall or spring semester (A and B terms combined) is 15-18 credits without additional approval of the Continuing Studies director.

Summer Terms

Summer term classes are split into one three-week May Term and, in the summer, two five-week terms (Summer I and Summer II) and one 10-week term (Summer III). (12-week and 14-week summer terms are also available but are typically reserved for specific graduate programs.) An overall maximum of 22 credits can be taken during the summer: six in May Term plus 16 credits in the traditional summer terms, with a maximum of 8 credits in each five-week term.

May Term

As noted above, Samford University offers a three-week interterm called May Term. The major intent of this interterm is to give the student a wider world view, a richer experience in integrating knowledge from a variety of specialties, and a deeper consciousness of the relevance of the student's studies to one's life and career. Some courses emphasize interdisciplinary cooperation, using teaching faculty, guest lecturers, and student research and participation. Others are intended to give the student an opportunity for intensive study and observation in a setting involving a potential career. Interterm opportunities include research in libraries or laboratories, contacts with visiting scholars, internships, externships, field trips, and other useful activities. Several courses are offered at the Daniel House, Samford's London Study Centre. Regular courses are offered for those who wish to accelerate progress toward graduation or to make up for an underload in earlier semesters. Most classes will meet daily. The maximum class load allowed in the May Term is two courses, not to exceed a total of six credits.

Inclement Weather Statement

Inclement weather or other events beyond the control of the university that might cause risk or danger to students, faculty, and staff may occasionally result in changes to normal university operations, including cancellation of classes or events; the calendar schedule may be adjusted.

Calendar for Academic Year 2025-2026 for Undergraduate Day Programs

(excluding Continuing Studies/Samford Online)

Calendar dates/deadlines are subject to change.

Fall Semester 2025

August 25	Classes Begin (Monday)
August 26	University Convocation (Tuesday)
August 29	Last day to add or drop a Fall course(s) (Friday)
August 29	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
September 1	Labor Day Holiday (University Closed)
October 10	Midterm grade entry deadline for all undergraduates
October 13-14	Fall Break (Monday-Tuesday)
October 17	Deadline for Undergraduate Graduation Application for Spring or Summer 2026
Mid-October	Registration begins for Spring and Summer terms (exact dates TBA) (<i>Note: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each term</i>)
November 13	Last day to withdraw from a Fall course OR to completely withdraw from all Fall courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
November 13	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current semester
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays (University Closed Nov 27-28; no classes meet Nov 26)
December 4	Last Day of Classes (Thursday)
December 5	Study Day (Friday)
December 8-11	Final Exams (Monday-Thursday)
December 13	Fall Commencement (Saturday)
December 16	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

Spring Semester 2026

January 12	Classes Begin (Monday)
January 13	University Convocation (Tuesday)
January 16	Last day to add or drop a Spring course(s) (Friday)
January 16	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (University Closed)
February 27	Midterm grade entry deadline for all undergraduates
March 9-13	Spring Break (Monday-Friday)
Mid-March	Registration begins for Fall term (<i>exact dates TBA</i>) (<i>Note: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each term</i>)
March 20	Deadline for Undergraduate Graduation Application for Fall 2026
April 2	Last day to withdraw from a Spring course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
April 2	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course taken in the current semester
April 6	Easter Monday (University Closed)
April 23	Last Day of Classes (Thursday)
April 24	Study Day (Friday)
April 27-30	Final Exams (Monday-Thursday)
May 1-2	Commencement Ceremonies (Friday-Saturday)
May 5	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

May Term 2026 (3 Weeks)

May 4	Classes Begin (Monday)
May 6	Last day to add or drop a May Term course(s) (Wednesday)
May 6	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
May 11	Last day to withdraw from a May Term course OR to withdraw completely from ALL May Term courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
May 11	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday (University Closed)
May 27	Last Day of Classes (Wednesday)
May 28	Final Exams (Thursday)
June 1	Final Grades Due (Monday)

Summer I Term 2026 (5 Weeks)

June 1	Classes Begin (Monday)
June 3	Last day to add or drop a Summer I course(s) (Wednesday)
June 3	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
June 17	Last day to withdraw from a Summer I course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Summer I courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
June 17	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday (University Closed)
June 30	Last Day of Classes (Tuesday)
July 1	Final Exams (Wednesday)
July 3	Independence Day Holiday (University Closed)
July 6	Final Grades Due (Monday)

Summer II Term 2026 (5 Weeks)

July 8	Classes Begin (Wednesday)
July 10	Last day to add or drop a Summer II course(s) (Friday)
July 10	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
July 22	Last day to withdraw from a Summer II course OR to withdraw completely from ALL Summer II courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
July 22	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
August 6	Last Day of Classes (Thursday)
August 7	Final Exams (Friday)
August 11	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

Summer III Term 2026 (10-Weeks)

June 1	Classes Begin (Monday)
June 3	Last day to add or drop a Summer III (10-wk) course(s) (Wednesday)
June 3	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in semester repeated course is taken
June 19	Juneteenth Holiday (University Closed)
July 3	Independence Day Holiday (University Closed)
July 22	Last day to withdraw from a Summer III (10-wk) course OR to withdraw completely from ALL Summer III (10-wk) courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
July 22	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
August 6	Last Day of Classes (Thursday)
August 7	Final Exams (Friday)
August 11	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

Note about Graduation Application Deadlines: All students must complete the **Application for Graduation** to ensure timely assessment of their graduation requirements. The form is accessible online through the Samford Portal.

Important Note: See the Financial Information section for payment due dates for each semester/term. Students who register AFTER the payment due date MUST make their payments IMMEDIATELY upon registration.

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For the **Beeson School of Divinity** Academic Calendar, use the following link:

<http://www.samford.edu/beeson-divinity/academic-calendar>

For the **Cumberland School of Law** Academic Calendar, use the following link:

<https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/calendars-and-schedules>

For a calendar with dates specific to the **McWhorter School of Pharmacy**, use the following link:

<http://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/student-services/>

Calendar for Academic Year 2025-2026 for Continuing Studies/Samford Online (Online Only)

Calendar dates/deadlines are subject to change.

Fall Term A 2025

August 25	Classes Begin for Fall Term A (Monday)
August 29	Last day to add or drop a Fall Term A course(s) (Friday)
August 29	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in Fall Term A
September 1	Labor Day Holiday (University Closed)
September 22 (est)	Registration re-opens for Fall Term B (Monday)
September 15	Last day to withdraw from a Fall Term A course OR to completely withdraw from all Fall Term A courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
September 15	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in Fall Term A
October 10	Last Day of Classes for Fall Term A (Friday)
October 13-15	Final Exams for Fall Term A (Monday-Wednesday)
October 17	Final Grades Due (Friday)
October 17	Deadline for Undergraduate Graduation Application for Spring or Summer 2026

Fall Term B 2025

Mid-October	Registration begins for Spring Terms A & B and Summer Terms (<i>Note: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each term</i>)
October 20	Classes Begin for Fall Term B (Monday)
October 24	Last day to add or drop a Fall Term B course(s) (Friday)
October 24	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in Fall Term B
November 13	Last day to withdraw from a Fall Term B course or to completely withdraw from all Fall Term B courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
November 13	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in Fall Term B
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays (University Closed Nov 27-28; no classes meet Nov 26)
December 5	Last Day of Classes for Fall Term B (Friday)
December 8-11	Final Exams for Fall Term B (Monday-Thursday)
December 13	Fall Commencement (Saturday)
December 16	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

Spring Term A 2026

January 12	Classes Begin for Spring Term A (Monday)
January 16	Last day to add or drop a Spring Term A course(s) (Friday)
January 16	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in Spring Term A
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (University Closed)
January 26 (est)	Registration re-opens for Spring Term B (Wednesday)
February 4	Last day to withdraw from a Spring Term A course OR to completely withdraw from all Spring Term A courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
February 4	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in Spring Term A
February 27	Last Day of Classes for Spring Term A (Friday)
March 2-4	Final Exams for Spring Term A (Monday-Wednesday)
March 6	Final Grades Due (Friday)

Spring Term B 2026

March 9-13	Spring Break (Some academic programs may choose not to take this break)
March 9	Classes Begin for Spring Term B (Monday)
March 13	Last day to add or drop a Spring Term B course(s) (Friday)
March 13	Deadline to submit Course Repeat form in Spring Term B
Mid-March	Registration begins for Fall Terms A & B (exact dates TBA) (Note: Registration continues until the last day to add/drop for each term)
March 20	Deadline for Undergraduate Graduation Application for Fall 2026
April 2	Last day to withdraw from a Spring Term B course OR to completely withdraw from ALL Spring Term B courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
April 2	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course taken in Spring Term B
April 6	Easter Monday (University Closed)
April 24	Last Day of Classes for Spring Term B (Friday)
April 27-29	Final Exams for Spring Term B (Monday-Thursday)
May 1-2	Commencement Ceremonies (Friday-Saturday)
May 5	Final Grades Due (Tuesday)

May Term 2026 (3 Weeks)

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May 6	Last day to add or drop a May Term course(s) (Wednesday)
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May 11	Deadline to submit Pass/Fail form for a course being taken in the current term
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May 27	Last Day of Classes (Wednesday)
May 28	Final Exams (Thursday)
June 1	Final Grades Due (Monday)

Summer I Term 2026 (5 Weeks)

June 1	Classes Begin (Monday)
June 3	Last day to add or drop a Summer I course(s) (Wednesday)
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Summer II Term 2026 (5 Weeks)

July 8	Classes Begin (Wednesday)
July 10	Last day to add or drop a Summer II course(s) (Friday)
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July 22	Last day to withdraw from a Summer II course OR to withdraw completely from ALL Summer II courses <i>without academic penalty</i>
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About Samford University

For more than 170 years, Samford University and its students have impacted the world with their academic achievement and leadership skills. At the university's core is a foundation of Christian values and belief, a mission to nurture persons for God, for learning, forever that has withstood the test of time. Because of the united dedication to this mission, Samford students discover that professors, administrators, and staff encourage them to reach their highest potential intellectually, spiritually, and socially. The rewards are numerous, and the impact on individual lives is endless.

Identity

Samford University is a Christian community focused on student learning.

Samford was founded in 1841 by Alabama Baptists. In the present day, it maintains its ties to Alabama Baptists, extending and enhancing their original commitment by developing and maintaining in the campus community an exemplary Christian ethos and culture.

Samford University's corporate expression of faith commitment is *The Statement of Baptist Faith and Message of 1963*, without amendment.

Samford offers bachelor's, master's, and professional doctoral degrees, as well as continuing education and various types of worthwhile, non-degree learning.

Samford serves students through ten organizational units: Howard College of Arts and Sciences, School of the Arts, Brock School of Business, Beeson School of Divinity, Orlean Beeson School of Education, Cumberland School of Law, and the College of Health Sciences, which includes the School of Health Professions, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and the School of Public Health.

Mission

The mission of Samford University is to nurture persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith, and personhood. As a Christian university, the community fosters academic, career, and ethical competency, while encouraging social and civic responsibility, and service to others.

Core Values

Samford University's particularity is rooted in convictions, essential to its integrity, and expressive of its mission. The Samford community values lifelong:

- belief in God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit.
- engagement with the life and teachings of Jesus
- learning and responsible freedom of inquiry
- personal empowerment, accountability, and responsibility
- vocational success and civic engagement
- spiritual growth and cultivation of physical well-being
- integrity, honesty, and justice
- appreciation for diverse cultures and convictions
- stewardship of all resources
- service to God, to family, to one another, and to the community.

Vision

Anchored in Christian understanding, Samford University will be a diverse community, stressing vigorous learning and personal faith, in the Baptist tradition. Within that commonality, the Community will be: *innovative* in teaching, learning and research; *sensitive* to global issues; aggressive in self-assessment and continuous improvement. Faithful to its mission, Samford will be known and acknowledged worldwide by holding to its distinctives. The world will be better for it.

University Membership in Educational Organizations

The university holds membership in the following educational organizations:

Academy of Economics and Finance	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
Academy of Management	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	Consortium for Global Education
Accounting Information Systems (AIS) Educator Association	Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Alabama Association for Financial Professionals (AFP)	Council for Interior Design Accreditation
Alabama Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders
Alabama Association of Independent Colleges/Universities	Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
Alabama Commission on Higher Education	Council of Independent Colleges
Alabama Council for International Programs	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)
Alabama Council of Graduate Deans	Council on Social Work Education
Alabama Dietetic Association	EDUCAUSE
Alabama Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS)	Evangelical Dean's Council
Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants	Financial Management Association International
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP)	Financial Planning Association of North Central Alabama
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners	Institute of Management Accountants (IMA)
American Accounting Association	International Association of Baptist Colleges/Universities
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education	International Council of Fine Arts Deans
American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)	Marketing Educators' Association
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy	Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers	National Association for Music Education
American Association of Law Libraries	National Association of Christians in Social Work
American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)	National Association of Deans and Directors
American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities	National Association of Schools of Music
American Association of University Women	National Association of Schools of Theatre
American College Health Association	National League for Nursing (NLN)
American Council on Education	National Network of Church-Related Colleges/Universities
American Economic Association	National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty (NONPF)
American Institute of Certified Public Accountants	Network of Alabama Academic Libraries
American Library Association	North American Case Research Association
American Marketing Association	Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
American Society of Nutrition	Physician Assistant Education Association
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Activity	Society of Professors in Christian Education
Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture	Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers
Association of American Law Schools	Southern Business Administration Association
Association of Christian Economists	Southern Economic Association
Association of College and Research Libraries	Southern Management Association
Association of Nutrition Departments	Southern Regional Education Board
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health	Southwest Case Research Association
Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)	State of Alabama Association of Colleges of Nursing (SAACN)
Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE)	United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship
Christians in the Visual Arts	University Continuing Education Association

Samford University is approved by the Alabama Department of Education for the training of teachers, school administrators, supervisors, and counselors. The human development and family science program is approved by the National Council on Family Relations.

Academic Program Accreditation, Recognition, and Approval

Samford University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctorate degrees. Samford University also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Samford University may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA, 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

Normal inquiries about the institution, such as admission requirements, financial aid, educational programs, etc., should be addressed directly to the institution and not to the SACSCOC office.

In addition to SACSCOC institutional accreditation, many of Samford's academic programs have achieved specialized accreditation, recognition, or approval by one or more of the following professional organizations:

- Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND)
- Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
- Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE)
- American Bar Association (ABA)
- Association of Theological Schools (ATS)
- Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
- Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)
- Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA)
- Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)
- Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
- National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)
- Public Relations Society of America (PRSA Certification)

The Human Development and Family Science undergraduate program at Samford University has been reviewed by the National Council on Family Relations. It has been recognized as an NCFR CFLE-approved program offering coursework covering the content required for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation. Graduates of NCFR CFLE-approved programs qualify to apply for the CFLE designation via the CFLE-approved program process.

The following professional program will seek accreditation upon graduation of its first student cohort, as required by the respective accrediting organization:

- Master of Public Health – Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH)

The following professional program has been granted accreditation-provisional status:

- Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies – Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA)

Admission Procedures and Policies

A solid liberal arts education has long proven to be the best preparation for most professions and positions of leadership. Through a strong education in the arts and sciences, Samford University students develop intellectually and personally, acquiring the broad understanding and diverse skills that modern society requires.

Samford seeks students who have demonstrated high standards of scholarship, outstanding personal character, and serious educational aims. Admission standards are competitive and selective. The Admission Committee selects the entering class from among those whose academic performance gives the strongest promise of success in college. It is Samford's intent to maintain an undergraduate student body with diverse backgrounds, interests, and abilities.

Students who wish to attend Samford University should complete an application for admission. Submit applications and related documents to the address listed below or online at www.samford.edu/admission.

Prospective students are encouraged to visit the campus. To schedule a visit, contact: Office of Admission, Samford University, 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229, or telephone (205) SAMFORD [726-3673].

The information that follows is general policy and pertains to undergraduate programs. Graduate and professional degree programs may have different policies. For information about these, contact the administrator with responsibility for the program in question.

Student Classifications

Academic Renewal Student-An undergraduate student who has dropped out, withdrawn, or has been suspended because of academic deficiencies but has demonstrated sufficient maturation to be considered for re-enrollment.

Audit Student-A student who neither receives a grade nor participates in classroom examinations.

Freshman-A student who is a high school graduate and has not enrolled in any accredited college or university.

International Student-A student who is not a U.S. citizen.

Continuing Studies Student-A student who has been out of high school for at least three years and is unable to enroll in a day program.

Readmission Student-A student who previously attended Samford, left, and who desires to return to Samford, including students who were required to withdraw.

Transfer Student-A student who has attended another accredited college or university and desires to attend Samford to pursue a degree.

Transient Student-A student who is regularly enrolled in another college or university but desires to take a course(s) at Samford.

Admission Application Process

Applicants are encouraged to complete the process as soon as possible. Delays in the admission process could also adversely affect other processes important to eventual enrollment, including financial aid and residence life. Also, if transcripts are being sent to us from other institutions, please allow for the time it takes for us to receive them. See Admission Procedures below.

Admission Notification for All Students

Once students have been notified of admission to Samford, a \$300 Enrollment Confirmation/Housing Deposit must be submitted to the Office of Admission to reserve a place in the entering class. The deposit is nonrefundable and is applied to first semester costs. The entering class must be limited to support an optimum living and learning environment. Deposits will be accepted until May 1 (the National Candidate Reply Date), after which eligible students will be placed on a wait list and selected as space becomes available.

Application Materials

All application materials received by the Office of Admission are considered confidential. Application materials will remain active for one year for students who wish to defer admission and enrollment. Only materials provided directly from an applicant can be released.

Orientation

The Admission Office coordinates Orientation sessions for new students and their parents. Orientation provides parents and students the opportunity to learn more about the campus, faculty, and staff, and the opportunity to talk to current Samford students. New students will register for their fall classes. Orientation is required for all new students enrolling at Samford. Students who fail to register for an orientation session are subject to being charged the orientation fee and will have a class registration hold until the orientation requirement has been satisfied. More information on New Student Orientation, including how to register, can be found on the Orientation website: <https://www.samford.edu/admission/orientation..>

Undergraduate Admission Procedures

First-Time Applicants

Samford University seeks to enroll students who are capable of success in a challenging academic environment and who demonstrate a commitment to the Christian mission and purpose of the university. Every application is individually evaluated from a holistic perspective, which includes consideration of the applicant's personal integrity, moral character, academic preparation, achievement and potential, leadership of and participation in extra-curricular activities including school, church, parachurch and community organizations, and likelihood to make the most of the opportunities and resources that are available to Samford students.

In addition to the traditional evaluation of transcripts, the Admission Committee also considers standardized test scores, autobiographical essays, and letters of recommendation, as well as the rigor of an applicant's high school or college curriculum and how he or she has participated in and contributed to those academic settings. This process is indicative of Samford's competitive admission environment and level of selectivity, which will likely increase for each ensuing class. With limited offers of admission, the Admission Committee endeavors to measure an applicant's particular interest in Samford, both academically and as a potential contributor to the university community. An applicant's FAFSA information is not considered in the admission process, and, accordingly, the university does not provide the scholarship assistance that will be required by all who receive an offer of admission.

The university reserves the rights to reject any application without explanation and to rescind an admission if (i) between the date of an application and the start of classes there is a change in the condition or status of any information provided by the applicant that would have been a basis for denying the application when it was reviewed by the Admission Committee or (ii) any information provided by an applicant proves to be untrue at the time of its submission.

Samford University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, or national origin. Religious institutions such as Samford University may be exempt from certain provisions of federal laws concerning non-discrimination. All inquiries and complaints should be directed to the University Legal Counsel at 800 Lakeshore Drive, Birmingham, AL 35229.

Scholarship Policy

Samford scholarships and university aid are awarded to students who have distinguished records of achievement. The university believes the lives and commitments of such students hold great promise for addressing the vital issues of the future. The Scholarship Committee seeks students who intentionally use their exceptional talents, abilities, and personal commitments to better society. Due to limited resources, the committee utilizes the funds available to impact affordability for as many students as possible. At all times, it is understood that recipients of these funds will maintain high standing in academic, social, and residential areas of campus life.

Any student receiving Samford funded scholarships and grants at a minimum must, on an annual basis, remain in good academic standing with the university as defined by the University Catalog. Some scholarships and grants provided by academic schools or programs as well as other Samford entities and programs may require a higher cumulative Samford GPA than what is needed to maintain good academic standing. Those variances are communicated with students through official communication channels. Students are allotted one semester of grace upon being placed on academic warning. A student who enters their grace period will maintain the scholarship during the grace period. If the student has not been returned to good academic standing by the end of the grace period, the scholarship(s) and/or grant(s) will be forfeited and will not be awarded to the student in future terms.

For more information on scholarships, including deadlines and recipient guidelines, visit: www.samford.edu/admission/scholarships.

Freshman Applicant

Recommended Components for Competitive Admission

Transcripts and Curriculum

An official high school transcript of your academic work should reflect a strong scholastic history. Successful applicants for admission should emphasize the following units in their secondary coursework: four units of English, algebra I and II, geometry, two laboratory sciences, two units of history (not including state history), and two units of a foreign language. Successful scholarship applicants typically present a curriculum that includes outstanding performance in four units of English, four units of math, three laboratory sciences, three units of history, and two units of a foreign language.

High School Equivalency (GED)

Applicants who have the GED (General Educational Developmental) diploma may present an official score report in place of the high school diploma. The ACT or SAT will be required unless the applicant has been out of high school for at least five years. Nursing applicants are required to submit standardized test scores.

Freshman Applicant Procedures for Admission

Competitive applicants for admission are encouraged to provide the following:

1. Complete an application form online at www.samford.edu/admission/apply, or submit a Common Application available at www.commonapp.org, and include a \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Application Options:
 - a. Early Action - Samford University offers an Early Action admission option for students who want to apply early without making a binding commitment. The Early Action deadline is November 1.
 - b. Rolling Admission - Decisions will be released once a month, typically beginning in December until the class is full.
 - c. Test Optional - Freshman applicants have the option to be evaluated without a test score. For more information on this option please visit www.samford.edu/admission/undergraduate/apply-options.
3. Request two official transcripts from your high school to be sent to the Office of Admission. One should be sent at the time of application. The second one should be sent at the completion of the senior year certifying graduation. Transcripts must be mailed by the school to the Office of Admission to be considered official or be submitted electronically via other approved methods.
4. Official test scores, sent to Samford directly from the American College Testing Program (ACT) and/or the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT I: Reasoning Test, or SAT) are required unless otherwise noted (**please see** www.samford.edu/apply **for the most up-to-date policies and instructions**). Samford's institutional codes are: 0016 (ACT) and 1302 (SAT). Scores received via other means may not be accepted as official.

5. Arrange for submission of the School Recommendation Form provided on the online SU application and the Common Application.
6. Write an essay of approximately 500 words. In your own words, respond to one of the essay questions in the admission application form online.
7. If necessary, mail the completed application and related documents to:
Office of Admission
Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229

International Student Applicant

International students should allow a minimum of six months to complete all the necessary paperwork prior to admission and enrollment.

Competitive international applicants for admission are encouraged to provide the following:

1. Complete an application form online at www.samford.edu/admission/apply, or submit a Common Application available at www.commonapp.org, and include a \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Have an official transcript with three years of secondary school of all academic work, including mark sheets, examination results, certificates, diplomas, etc., sent to the Office of Admission. This includes any college credit earned in a university not in the United States. Certified copies of all academic work not completed in an English-speaking school should be submitted to the World Evaluation Service (WES), Education Credential Evaluators (ECE), or The Evaluation Company (TEC) requesting a Course-by-Course Evaluation. Information regarding WES, ECE, and TEC is available from the Office of Admission.
3. Have official scores on the ACT or the SAT sent to the Office of Admission by the respective agency. If official ACT or SAT testing agencies are not available, students may have official scores on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS sent directly from the Educational Testing Service to the Office of Admission.
4. Favorable admission will be offered to students with the following recommended scores:
 - TOEFL/TOEFL iBT: 90 or above, Computer: 232 or above, Paper: 575 or above.
 - IELTS: 6.5 or above.
 - Duolingo: 120 or above.

Interview with a member of the admission committee to examine delivery, language use, and topic development may be required to confirm English proficiency in addition to test scores.

5. Arrange for submission of the School Recommendation Form provided on the online SU application and the Common Application.
6. Write an essay of approximately 500 words. In your own words, respond to one of the essay questions in the admission application form online.
7. Supply a copy of your official government documentation (visa or passport) to the Office of Admission.

International students interested in Samford aid should submit a financial affidavit of support, supplied by Samford, in order to be considered.

Dual Enrollment Credit and Credit by Examination for Entering Freshmen

Credit Limitations

Entering freshman may transfer up to 30 hours of dual enrollment credit in which the student has earned a grade of C- or higher. The **maximum combined credit** earned through dual enrollment, correspondence, extension, and/or credit by exam (Advanced Placement [AP], College Level Examination Program [CLEP], DANTES Subject Standardized Tests [DSST], and/or the International Baccalaureate Program [IB]) **may not exceed 30 hours**. At least 25% of the required credit in each degree program must be earned at Samford, with none of the credit mentioned above counting toward the residency requirement. Further, a minimum of 15 credits in the major field (with nine at the 300-400 level) must be taken at Samford. For a minor, a minimum of nine credits in the minor field must be taken at Samford.

Core Curriculum

The Core Curriculum is a distinctive of a Samford education. As part of the Core Curriculum, only UCR 101 (University Core: Rhetoric) is eligible for dual enrollment, AP, CLEP, DSST, or IB credit. All other Core Curriculum courses, including UCS 102 (University Core: Seminar), UCT 101 (University Core Texts I), UCT 102 (University Core Texts II), UCHW 120 (Concepts of Health and Wellness), and UCBF 101 (Biblical Foundations), must be taken at Samford and cannot be satisfied through dual enrollment credit or credit by examination (with one exception*).

UCR 101 credit may be met by a score of 4 or 5 on the AP exam for either English Language or English Literature, a score of 5 or higher on English A1 for IB, or a dual enrollment composition course at the equivalent level. Credit may also be met by an SAT score of 33+ in Reading or Writing and Language (any individual exam) or an ACT Reading and English score of 28+ (any individual exam).

English Composition II, Western Civilization, and World History courses taken as dual enrollment may be considered for elective credit. English Composition II will not satisfy UCS 102 credit. Elective credit for Western Civilization and World History may satisfy a general education humanities requirement, depending on the student's major. They will not satisfy the requirements for UCT 101 or UCT 102.

*The exception is DSST, which can provide credit for UCS 102 or UCT 101 if the score is sufficient.

Dual Enrollment

College courses taken in a high school setting without external testing (e.g., AP, CLEP, DSST, or IB), and/or which fulfill a high school requirement, will be treated as dual enrollment credit. As of Fall 2024, incoming freshmen may transfer up to 30 hours of dual enrollment credits in which the student has earned a grade of C- or higher. Coursework must be comparable to Samford courses offered at the 100 and 200 level. Only one course (UCR 101) may be transferred as dual enrollment credit.

An official transcript from an accredited college or university is required for dual enrollment credit to be evaluated and applied. Dual enrollment credit will not be evaluated from a high school transcript.

Students who take courses with both Advanced Placement (AP) exams and dual enrollment credit must meet the minimum requirements in either area to receive credit.

Credit by Examination

AP, CLEP, DSST, and IB credit is awarded with the minimum exam score reported from College Board, Prometric, or International Baccalaureate. Please refer to the Credit by Examination Policies section below for more information.

Credit earned with the minimum score required will be applied with a grade of P for Pass; no letter grade is applied. Credit hours are earned, but no grade or quality points will be included in the GPA calculation.

*AP=Advanced Placement; CLEP=College-Level Examination Program; DSST= DANTES Subject Standardized Tests; IB=International Baccalaureate

NOTE: See the end of this section for credit-by-examination tables.

Credit Awarded by Nationally Recognized Certification, License, or Other Credential

Academic credit may be granted to students holding current, nationally recognized licenses or certificates in certain academic programs, provided they are pursuing a degree in the same or a related field. The decision to award credit is made by the degree awarding academic unit, subject to approval by the Provost.

General Certificate of Education (GCE) A-Level and AS-Level Exam Policies

Samford recognizes the rigor of the GCE (General Certificate of Education) examinations and will review results on a case-by-case basis. Approved credits may be granted for each A-level exam with a passing grade. No grades are posted for A-level or AS-level exams.

General elective credits in the subject area will be awarded unless the discipline's academic department has previously approved course equivalencies. If equivalent courses are needed for a specific major, students will need to consult the academic department once they arrive on campus to have the chair evaluate the syllabus/content of the A-level or AS-level exam.

Duplicate credit for the same subject taken on different exams like A-level, AS-level, AP, or IB will not be granted. Advanced credit policies are reviewed on a regular basis and are subject to change. They cannot exceed the maximum combined total credit an entering freshman may bring to Samford.

ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)

Students who are studying less commonly taught languages (LCTLs) may choose to prove a 202-level of proficiency in that language by taking the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test and receiving a rating of "Intermediate High" (or higher) on both tests. Students may choose to take these tests directly from ACTFL-certified examiners (The OPI and WPT are offered in twenty-three different languages. Students will pay ACTFL's fee.), or from Samford faculty who are qualified to administer the ACTFL tests.

Continuing Studies Student Applicant

It is expected that students who enter this program have been out of high school for at least three years and are unable to enroll in the day program due to work schedules, family concerns, or other reasons. Continuing Studies is the administrative office that serves online-only, non-day students. (See the Continuing Studies section of this catalog.) Continuing Studies staff can assist you with academic advising, admission, and other areas of concern. Contact them at (205) 726-4445.

Transfer Student Applicant

Academic Record

Transfer students generally receive favorable admission review when they present a minimum cumulative 2.50 grade point average on all college-level coursework, provided they have attempted at least 24 credits, or 36 quarter credits, at institutions accredited by one of the regional accrediting agencies. If a student has attempted less than 24 credits of college-level coursework, an official high school transcript and official test scores must also be submitted to be considered for admission.

Transferring Core and General Education Courses

Samford University strives to offer a distinctive curriculum that challenges students to their fullest potential and employs innovative teaching techniques. All students should complete their General Education Requirements, including the Core Curriculum, in residence whenever possible. Transfer students with 24 or more semester credits earned at another institution may be able to substitute coursework taken elsewhere for the interdisciplinary courses of the General Education Requirements, provided those courses meet 75% of the required credits in each course. **Only one Core Curriculum course (UCR 101) may be applied as a core course for transfer students who have earned less than 24 credits from accredited institutions and credit by examination.** Students will only receive the credit they earned (not the credit of the course being replaced) and must meet the total number of credits required for their degree program (128 credits minimum). Natural and computational science courses must have a laboratory component.

Transfer Credits

Samford University accepts transfer credits earned at institutionally accredited colleges and universities in which the student has earned a grade of C- or higher.

Transfer students are required to earn at least 25% of the credit for a first undergraduate degree in each degree program from Samford. Also, a minimum of 15 credits in the major field (with nine at the 300-400 level) must be earned at Samford. For a minor, a minimum of nine credits in the minor field must be earned at Samford.

Students may transfer up to 64 semester credits or 96 quarter credits of work completed at two-year institutions, where such coursework is comparable to Samford courses offered at the 100 and 200 level.

Individual transfer courses may satisfy a major, minor, or concentration requirement if they meet 75% of the required credits for the course. Transfer courses that do not meet the 75% rule may still apply, but additional credits may be required to satisfy the requirement.

Transfer Student Applicant Procedures for Admission

Samford University welcomes transfer students at the beginning of any term. Transfer students must present academic records that reflect serious academic aims and mature progress toward those aims. Transfer applications will be reviewed up to 10 days prior to the beginning of the academic term in which a student desires to attend.

It is recommended that a transfer student who desires to attend Samford University:

1. Complete an application form at www.samford.edu/admission/apply, or submit a Common Application available at www.commonapp.org, and include a \$50 nonrefundable application fee.
2. Have one official transcript of each college attended mailed directly from the former institution's records office to Samford's Office of Admission. Samford can also accept official transcripts online, but only through National Student Clearinghouse or Docufile/Parchment. No other online service can be accepted. If the student earned fewer than 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits in total at other institutions, he/she must also meet the requirements of an entering freshman (providing an official high school transcript and official ACT or SAT score unless otherwise noted).
3. Arrange for submission of the School Recommendation Form provided on the online SU application and the Common Application.
4. Write an essay of 250-500 words, in their own words, in response to the essay question in the admission application form online.

Any components not submitted online need to be mailed to:

Office of Admission
Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, AL 35229

All transfer students under the age of 21 and/or under 80 completed hours/credits are required to attend new student orientation before registering for classes.

International Transfer Applicant

The transfer credit process for international students includes the above transfer process as well as the following:

1. As part of the admissions process, an international credential evaluation is required prior to university study, including translated course-by-course examinations. Samford accepts evaluations from World Education Services (WES) (www.wes.org), Education Credential Evaluators (ECE) (www.ece.org), or The Evaluation Company (TEC) (www.evalcompany.com).
2. An official international credential evaluation should come directly to Samford University electronically or through the mail in a sealed envelope. Transfer credit will be applied according to information reported on the official evaluation. Courses that are reported as comparable to courses from a U.S. regionally accredited institution will be accepted according to Samford's transfer credit policies.
3. Pass/fail courses graded as P or S will not be initially accepted unless written documentation is received from the awarding institution that the grade represents at least a C-.
4. Samford course equivalencies may be met with 75% of the required credits; however, they will only receive the actual credits earned toward the degree.
5. To earn a first undergraduate degree at Samford University, at least 25% of the credits for that degree must be earned from Samford. Additionally, a minimum of 15 credits in the major field (nine at the 300-400 level) and nine in any declared minor field must be earned from Samford. (See the Transfer Student Applicant section for more details.)
6. Initially, elective credit will be awarded until such time that verifiable course descriptions or syllabi with English translation are provided to the Transfer Credit Analyst in the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. If it is determined by the academic department that a transfer course is comparable to a Samford course, equivalent credit will be applied. Providing course information is not a guarantee that equivalent credit will be awarded. Course information only provides the information needed to make a determination for credit.
7. Course descriptions or syllabi should come from the transfer institution on the institution's official letterhead and include contact information. To receive the most accurate evaluation of international credit, course information should include course title, course level (1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, etc.), course objectives, outline of course content, type of course (e.g., independent study, lecture, seminar, laboratory), description of how the student is evaluated for the course, and reading references.
8. If English is not the native or official language of the student's home country, all course information must be officially translated into English and accompany the original course documents. The name and contact information of the translator is to be included.

9. Full-time Samford students (registered for 12 or more credits in fall, spring, or summer) are required to satisfy a convocation requirement. For transfer students, the number of convocation credits required is prorated based on the number of transfer hours accepted. Failure to satisfy the convocation requirement will prevent graduation.

Special Category Applicants

Academic Renewal Applicant

Undergraduate students who have withdrawn or have been suspended because of academic deficiencies at Samford may request to be considered for academic renewal after re-acceptance.

The following conditions apply:

1. Academic renewal may be used by a student who has sat out two contiguous semesters, not including summer terms, and whose cumulative Samford GPA is less than 2.00.
2. Any grade of D+ or less, up to a maximum of 32 credits, can be excluded. The grades remain on the academic transcript; however, they no longer count towards the cumulative Samford GPA. These excluded grades are separate from the university's repeat procedure and are not counted against a student's repeats.
3. Grades of a C- or better remain on the transcript and continue to count as GPA hours.
4. Students who wish to take advantage of academic renewal must inform Admissions upon re-acceptance to Samford.
5. Students who accept academic renewal will have a transcript notation indicating their readmission under this policy.
6. Academic renewal may be granted to a person only once.

Upon notifying the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar of their desire to be considered for Academic Renewal, a committee composed of the university registrar and academic advising staff will review the application.

Students should be aware that academic renewal does not pertain to accumulated financial aid history. Accumulated semester and award limits include all semesters of enrollment. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Office of Financial Aid to determine their eligibility for financial assistance.

Students are cautioned that many undergraduate professional curricula, graduate, and professional schools compute the undergraduate GPA over all credits attempted when considering applications for admission.

Academic Renewal will only be applied after a student completes their first semester back at Samford and receives a 2.00 in their first semester back.

Audit Student Applicant

As an alternative to full participation in a credit course, students may audit the course. Audit students do not receive grades and do not usually participate in examinations; however, instructors have the option of establishing requirements for a satisfactory audit. Students are not permitted to audit courses numbered above 400.

Guidelines

1. **Audit as Credit Student**-Students choosing this option must be admitted to Samford either as a Regular or Special Status Student. Students should enroll in the course to be audited using registration procedures and paying the same tuition as regular enrollees. Provided the instructor's requirements are met, the course will appear on the credit transcript with the notation AU and zero credits. If these requirements are not met, a W will be entered on the transcript.
2. **From a Grading/Credit Basis to an Audit Basis**-A student can change from a grading basis to an audit basis any time prior to the deadline for withdrawing from a class without academic penalty. There will be no financial refunds made as a result of a change in grading basis.
3. **From an Audit Basis to a Grading/Credit Basis**-An audit student may not receive regular credit for a course begun as an audit unless the change is made by the last day to add a course for the semester or term.

Readmission Student Applicant

Former Samford Students in Good Standing

Former students desiring to return to Samford University after attending another college must file a readmission transfer application.

Students who left the university in good standing may be readmitted but must meet all current criteria for admission and adhere to current performance standards, progression policies, and graduation requirements.

Readmit application requirements are listed below:

1. An official transcript from each college attended in the interim.
2. A letter of intent describing the following:
 - a. Student's evaluation of previous academic performance, including an analysis of what factors led to his/her dismissal/withdrawal.
 - b. Reassessment of career and educational goals.
 - c. Explanation of readiness to resume a college program.
 - d. Description of activities during absence from Samford, such as work, marriage, military service, etc.
3. In person or phone interviews with admissions personnel may be required in some instances.

Former Samford Students on Academic Dismissal

Former students on academic dismissal may be considered for readmission after an absence of at least one semester. If a student attends another institution during that absence, Samford will not accept transfer credits for the semester the student was required to take off. An application for readmission is available through the Office of Admission and the application fee is waived. Readmit applications should be completed six weeks prior to the beginning of the semester/term the student would like to return.

The application requirements are as follows:

1. An official transcript from each college attended in the interim.
2. A letter of intent describing the following:
 - a. Student's evaluation of previous academic performance, including an analysis of what factors led to his/her dismissal/withdrawal.
 - b. Reassessment of career and educational goals.
 - c. Explanation of readiness to resume a college program and succeed academically at Samford.
 - d. Description of activities during absence from Samford, such as work, marriage, military service, etc.
3. In person or phone interview with admissions personnel.

Former Samford Student on Indefinite Academic Dismissal

Former students on indefinite academic dismissal may appeal for readmission consideration after an absence of one year. The process is the same as for the first academic dismissal mentioned above.

Transient Student Applicant

Transient students are students who are regularly enrolled in other colleges and universities yet desire to take courses at Samford. A transient student must submit a transient application and have all coursework authorized by the student's primary institution. The application form is available from the Office of Admission.

For courses taught at schools participating in the Birmingham area Inter-Campus Exchange Program-BACHE-see the University-Wide Academic Opportunities section of this catalog.

Currently enrolled Samford students who take one or more classes at another institution are considered transient students at that college/university. See the Transfer Policies section for more information.

Credit by Examination Policies

Advanced Placement (AP)

Subject	Samford Course Title (if applicable)	Minimum Score	Credit
Art: Art History	Elective credit	4	3
Art: Drawing	ART 120 - Drawing I (3)	4	3
Art: 2D Art & Design	ART 101 - 2D Design (3)	4	3
Art: 3D Art & Design	ART 102 - 3D Design (3)	4	3
Biology	BIOL 101 & 102 - Principles of Biology I (3) & Laboratory (1)	3	4
Chemistry	CHEM 205 & 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)	4	5
Chinese Lang/Culture	CHIN 102 - Elementary Chinese II (4)	3	4
Chinese Lang/Culture**	CHIN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Chinese I & II (4 each)	4	8
Computer Science A	COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)	4	4
Computer Science Principles	COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)	4	4
Economics: Macro	ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	3	3
Economics: Micro	ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)	3	3
English Lang/Comp*	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	4	4
English Lit/Comp*	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	4	4
Environmental Science	BIOL 117 & 118 - Contemporary Biology (3) & Laboratory (1)	3	4
French Lang/Culture	FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)	3	4
French Lang/Culture**	FREN 201 & 202 - Intermediate French I & II (4 each)	4	8
German Lang/Culture	GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)	3	4
German Lang/Culture**	GER 201 & 202 - Intermediate German I & II (4 each)	4	8
Govt/Pol (U.S.)	POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)	4	4
Govt/Pol (Comparative)	Elective credit	4	4
History: European	HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)	4	4
History: U.S.	HIST 218 - Modern America (4)	4	4
History: World	HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)	5	4
Human Geography	GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)	4	4
Italian Lang/Culture	ITAL 102 - Elementary Italian II (4)	3	4
Italian Lang/Culture**	ITAL 201 & 202 - Intermediate Italian I & II (4 each)	4	8
Japanese Lang/Culture	JAPN 102 - Elementary Japanese II (4)	3	4
Japanese Lang/Culture**	JAPN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Japanese I & II (4 each)	4	8
Latin	LATN 102 - Elementary Latin II (4)	3	4
Latin	LATN 201 - Intermediate Latin I (4)	4	4
Latin**	LATN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Latin I & II (4 each)	5	8
Math: Calculus AB	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	3	4
Math: Calculus BC	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) AND MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)	3	8
Math: Calculus BC (AB Subgrade***)	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	3	4
Math: Precalculus	MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)	4	4
Math, Statistics	MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)	3	4
Music, Theory †	MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)	3	3
Physics 1	PHYS 100 - Physics for Society (4) OR PHYS 101 - Gen Physics I (4)	3	4
Physics 2	PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)	3	4
Physics C: Elec/Magnetism	PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)	4	5
Physics C: Mechanics	PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)	4	5
Psychology	PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)	4	4
Spanish Lang/Culture	SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)	3	4
Spanish Lang/Culture**	SPAN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Spanish I & II (4 each)	4	8
Spanish Lit/Culture	SPAN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)	4	4

* Students who successfully meet the minimum score for both Advanced Placement English Literature & Comp and English Language & Comp can receive credit for UCR 101 plus 4 credit hours of general elective credit.

** Students who successfully meet the minimum score (4) for language at the **intermediate** level, receive a maximum of 8 credits for 201-202 and do not receive an additional 4 credits for exceeding the expectations of the 102 **elementary** level.

*** A score of 3 or higher on the BC exam earns credit in MATH 240 and MATH 260, regardless of the AB subgrade.

† The Division of Music will allow Music Theory as AP credit pending the student's successful evaluation regarding that subject at Samford University.

NOTE: Credit earned with the minimum score required will be applied with a grade of P. No letter grade is applied. Credit hours are earned, but no grade or quality points will be included in the GPA calculation.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

College-level credit is awarded for scores of 50 or higher in most subject areas; however, students should consult with their advisors or the Office of the Registrar before scheduling any CLEP examinations. With the sole exception of UCR 101, CLEP credit is not acceptable for University Core Curriculum courses.

CLEP Examination	Samford Course Title (if applicable)	Minimum Score	Credit
Accounting/Principles	ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)	50	3
Biology	BIOL 101 & 102 - Principles of Biology I (3) & Laboratory (1)	50	4
Business Law, Intro	BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)	50	3
Chemistry	CHEM 205 & 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)	50	5
Econ: Macro/Principles	ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	50	3
Econ: Micro/Principles	ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)	50	3
Engl: American Lit	Elective credit	50	4
Engl: Analysis/Inter Lit	Elective credit	50	4
Engl: College Comp	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	50	4
Engl: Comp (opt essay)	no credit	-	-
Engl: Comp, Freshmen	no credit	-	-
Engl: English Lit	no credit	-	-
French, Level 1*	FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)	50	4
French, Level 2*	FREN 201 & 202 - Intermediate French I & II (4 each)	62	8
German, Level 1*	GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)	50	4
German, Level 2*	GER 201 & 202 - Intermediate German I & II (4 each)	63	8
Govt: American	no credit	-	-
Hist: US I (to 1877)	no credit	-	-
Hist: US II (1865-Pres)	no credit	-	-
Hist: Western Civ I	no credit	-	-
Hist: Western Civ II	no credit	-	-
Human Growth/Dev	no credit	-	-
Humanities	Elective credit	50	4
Info Syst/Comp Appl	no credit	-	-
Management/Principles	no credit	-	-
Marketing/Principles	no credit	-	-
Math: Algebra	Elective credit	50	4
Math: Precalculus	MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)	50	4
Math: Calc/Elem Func	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	50	4
Math: College Math	MATH 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (4)	50	4
Math: Trigonometry	Elective credit	50	4
Natural Sciences	Elective credit	50	4
Psych: Educ Psyc, Int	no credit	-	-
Psych: Introduction	PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)	50	4
Social Sciences/Hist	no credit	-	-
Sociology, Intro	SOCI 100 - Introduction to Sociology (4)	50	4
Spanish, Level 1*	SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)	50	4
Spanish, Level 2*	SPAN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Spanish I & II (4 each)	63	8

* Students who score a minimum of 50 on French, German, or Spanish CLEP tests receive a maximum of four (4) credits at the **elementary level** (102); students who score 62 (French), 63 (German), or 63 (Spanish), or higher receive a maximum of eight (8) credits at the **intermediate level** (201-202). No more than 8 credits are awarded for the language CLEP test. No credit is given for FREN 101/GER 101/SPAN 101.

DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) are exams taken to earn college credit that may exempt students from certain courses. DSST is available to all students but is funded primarily for military personnel. Exams are evaluated on a case-by-case basis upon acceptance to the university. All scores of 50 or above (or 400 or above under the newer rubric) will be considered if they are on the list of approved exams. DSST exams that satisfy core courses will *not* be accepted if taken while enrolled at Samford.

Samford's four-digit site code is 9516. The closest testing center is located at UAB. For more information, see the DSST website at <https://getcollegecredit.com>.

DSST Exam	Samford Course Title (if applicable)	Minimum Score	Credit
Art of the Western World	ELEC 2000 satisfying SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3)	50 or 400	3
Astronomy	PHYS 150 - Introduction to Astronomy (4)	50 or 400	4
Computing & Information Technology	ECCO 100 - Introduction to Computing (3)	50 or 400	3
Criminal Justice	ECCJ 301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)	50 or 400	3
Environmental Science	BIOL 117 & 118 - Contemporary Biology (3) & Laboratory (1)	50 or 400	4
Ethics in America	ELEC satisfying PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)	50 or 400	4
Fundamentals of Counseling	ECCC 247 - Theory and Practice in the Human Services (3)	50 or 400	3
General Anthropology	UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)	50 or 400	4
Health & Human Development	ELEC 1000 satisfying Health requirement	50 or 400	3-4
Human Resource Management	ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)	50 or 400	3
Introduction to Business	BUSA 100 - World of Business (3)	50 or 400	3
Introduction to Geography	GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)	50 or 400	4
Introduction to World Religions	BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)	50 or 400	4
Introduction to World Religions	ECRE 201 - Introduction to World Religions (3)	50 or 400	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)	50 or 400	4
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	ECPS 205 - Life-Span Development (3)	50 or 400	3
Math for Liberal Arts	MATH 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (4)	50 or 400	4
Principles of Adv Engrl Composition	UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)	50 or 400	4
Principles of Physical Science	IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4)	50 or 400	4
Principles of Public Speaking	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	50 or 400	4
Principles of Statistics	MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)	50 or 400	4
Principles of Statistics	ECMA 210 - Statistics (3)	50 or 400	3
Substance Abuse	ECCC 321 - Substance Abuse Counseling (3)	50 or 400	3
Technical Writing	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	50 or 400	4

NOTE: DANTES scoring standards are in the process of converting to a new system. Older minimum scores were 50; New minimum scores are 400.

International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

Samford University recognizes the quality of the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) and welcomes applications for admission from students who have taken coursework in the IB program. Credit may be awarded for scores of 5 or higher. In cases of ambiguity, the dean of Howard College of Arts and Sciences, in consultation with the Office of the Registrar, will determine the credit to be awarded. HL: Higher Level; SL: Standard Level.

Subject	Level	Samford Course Title (if applicable)	Minimum Score	Credit
Biology	HL	BIOL 101 & 102 - Principles of Biology I (3) & Laboratory (1)	5	4
Chemistry	HL	CHEM 205 & 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)	6	5
English A: Literature	HL	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	5	4
English A: Language & Literature	HL	UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)	5	4
Geography	HL	Elective credit (3)	5	3
Geography	HL	Elective credit (4)	6	4
History Asia/OCE	HL	Elective credit (3)	5	3
History Asia/OCE	HL	Elective credit (4)	6	4
History: Americas	HL	Elective credit (3)	5	3
History: Americas	HL	Elective credit (4)	6	4
History: Europe	HL	Elective credit (3)	5	3
History: Europe	HL	Elective credit (4)	6	4
Language Acquisition (Language B Courses)	HL	Language 102	5	4
Math: Analysis & Approaches	HL	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	5	4
Math: Applications & Interpretation	SL	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	6	4
Math: Applications & Interpretation	HL	MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)	5	4
Physics	HL	PHYS 100 - Physics for Society (4)	5	4
Psychology	HL	PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)	5	4

Programs of Study

- Programs are listed in alphabetical order by degree, certificate, etc.
 - See the Statement of Purpose: Undergraduate Education, as approved by the General Education Committee and Faculty Senate.
 - See the Academic Policies and Procedures/Undergraduate Degree Requirements section for a list of available Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs. However, not all accelerated programs are fully represented in the catalog at this time.
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Bachelor of Arts (BA)

- Art Major
- Biblical Studies Major
- Christian and Religious Studies Major with an optional concentration in Ministry Leadership
- Christian Ministry Major
- Classics Major
- Commercial Music Major with a required concentration in Music Industry, Music Production, Performance, or Songwriting
- Communication Studies Major
- Dance Major
- Economics Major
- English Major with optional concentrations in Film Studies or Writing
- French Major
- German Major
- Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major
- Greek Major
- History Major
- Human Development and Family Science Major with optional concentrations in Child Development Education, Child Life, or Gerontology
- Interdisciplinary Studies Major
- International Relations Interdisciplinary Concentration
- Journalism and Mass Communication Major with a required concentration in Advertising, Broadcast and Electronic Journalism, Print Journalism, or Public Relations
- Language and World Trade Interdisciplinary Concentration
- Latin Major
- Law and History Major
- Law, Politics, and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration
- Music Major
- Organizational Leadership Major
- Philosophy and Religion Major
- Philosophy Major
- Physics Major
- Political Science Major
- Psychology Major
- Public Administration Interdisciplinary Concentration
- Sociology Major
- Spanish Major
- Theatre Major with optional concentrations in Acting and Directing or Production Design and Technology
- World Languages and Literature Major - French, German, and/or Spanish (Two Languages)
- Worship Leadership Major with a required concentration in Ministry, Songwriting for Worship, or Worship Production

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

- Graphic Design Major
 - Interior Design Major
 - Musical Theatre Major
 - Studio Art Major with a required concentration in Painting and Drawing or Sculpture
 - Theatre for Youth Major: Performance and Teaching Artistry
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Bachelor of Music (BM)

- Composition Major
 - Music and Worship Major
 - Performance: Instrumental Music Major
 - Performance: Organ Major
 - Performance: Piano Major
 - Performance: Piano Major with Pedagogy Emphasis
 - Performance: Voice Major
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Bachelor of Music Education (BME)

- Music Major with a required concentration in Instrumental Music or Vocal/Choral Music
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Bachelor of Science (BS)

- Biochemistry Major
 - Biology Major
 - Chemistry Major
 - Communication Sciences and Disorders Major
 - Computer Science Major with optional concentrations in Computer Engineering, Cybersecurity, or Software Engineering
 - Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management Major
 - Engineering Physics Major
 - Environmental Science Major
 - Exercise Science Major with an optional concentration in Disability, Health, and Physical Activity
 - Game Design Major
 - Geography Major with an optional concentration in Geographic Information Science (GIS)
 - Health Sciences Major with an optional concentration in Disability, Health, and Physical Activity
 - Healthcare Administration Major
 - Marine Science Major
 - Mathematics Major with an optional concentration in Data Science
 - Music Major
 - Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Major
 - Nutrition and Dietetics Major
 - Pharmacy Studies Major
 - Physics Major
 - Psychology Major
 - Public Health Major
 - Sport Administration Major with an optional concentration in Disability, Health, and Physical Activity
 - Sports Medicine Major with an optional concentration in Disability, Health, and Physical Activity
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Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSA)

- Architecture Major
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Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)

- Accounting Major
 - Brock Scholars Major
 - Economics Major
 - Entrepreneurship Major
 - Finance Major
 - Management Major
 - Marketing Major
 - The following concentrations can be attached to any BSBA major:
 - Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation, Professional Sales, Real Estate, Risk Management and Insurance Concentration, Social Entrepreneurship, Sports Marketing
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Bachelor of Science in Education (BSE)

- Early Childhood/Special Education/Elementary/Collaborative (ESEC) Major
 - Elementary Education Major with a required concentration in Christian Education and Missions
 - Secondary Education Major with content areas in selected disciplines for teacher certification, including English, French, German, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Spanish
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Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

- Nursing Major
 - Nursing Major (Five-Semester Second Degree)
 - Nursing Major (RN to BSN Online Program)
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Minors

- Accounting Minor*
- Aerospace Studies Minor
- Asian Studies Minor
- Biblical Studies Minor
- Bioinformatics Minor for Biology or Biochemistry Majors
- Bioinformatics Minor for Computer Science Majors
- Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines
- Biology Minor
- Chemistry Minor
- Church and Culture Minor
- Classical Civilization Minor
- Classics Minor
- Commercial Music Minor
- Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor
- Communication Studies Minor
- Computer Science Minor
- Dance Minor
- Data Analytics Minor*
- Data Science Minor
- Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Minor
- Economics Minor*
- English Minor
- Entrepreneurship Minor*
- Environmental Studies Minor
- Film and Video Studies Minor
- Film Production Interdisciplinary Minor
- French Minor
- General Business Minor*
- German Minor
- Global Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
- Greek Minor
- Health Informatics and Analytics Minor
- Healthcare Administration Minor
- Healthcare Compliance Minor**
- History Minor
- Human Development and Family Science Minor
- Intercultural Engagement Minor
- Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
- Latin Minor
- Marine Science Minor
- Marketing Minor*
- Mathematics Minor
- Medical Ethics Minor
- Ministry and Missions Minor

Minors (cont'd)

- Music Minor
- Neuroscience Minor
- Nutrition Minor
- Philosophy Minor
- Physics Minor
- Political Science Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Public Health Minor
- Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Minor
- Religion Minor
- Science and Religion Interdisciplinary Minor
- Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management Minor*
- Sociology Minor
- Spanish Minor
- Sport and Recreation Ministry Minor**
- Sports Media Minor
- Strength and Conditioning Minor
- Studio Art Minor
- Theatre Minor
- Theology and Ethics Minor
- Traditional Geography Minor
- Western Intellectual Tradition Interdisciplinary Minor
- World Languages and Cultures Minor
- Worship Leadership Minor
- Writing Minor

* This minor is not available to Brock School of Business majors.

**Program under review and currently closed to new admits.

Note: A minor or cognate is required in the following degree programs: BA with a major in French, German, or Spanish; BS with a major in culinary and wellness nutrition management; BS with a major in Sport Administration. For all other programs, a minor is optional.

Certificates

- Geographic Information Science Certificate
- Project Management Certificate
- Social Media Management Certificate

Non-Degree Programs

- Pre-Business Major (Non-Degree)
- Pre-Nursing Major (Non-Degree)
- Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Samford Students (Non-Degree)
- Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Transfer Students (Non-Degree)

Special Curricula/Program Requirements

- Continuing Studies General Education - Distribution Areas
 - General Education Overview: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements
 - General Military Course (ROTC)
 - Professional Officer Course (ROTC)
 - University Fellows Program
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Academic Policies and Regulations

Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Total Credits

A minimum of 128 credits must be successfully completed for the typical bachelor's degree.* No more than eight (8) credits in music ensembles, drama participation, and physical activity courses may apply toward the minimum of 128 credits required for graduation.** **In order to receive a first bachelor's degree, students must earn at least 25% of their total credits from Samford.**

A second bachelor's degree requires at least 32 additional credits and completion of all curricular requirements for the second degree.

*Some programs require more than 128 credits to complete the degree. A few programs have a minimum credit requirement between 120-128.

**Exceptions allowed for programs that require more than eight music ensembles and/or drama participation courses within the major.

Majors/Concentrations

Students are required to earn at least 25% of the credit for a first undergraduate degree in each degree program from Samford. Also, a minimum of 15 credits in the major field (with nine at the 300-400 level) must be earned at Samford. Each bachelor's degree student must declare a major by the junior year. This information must be on file in the Office of the Registrar. Students desiring to change a declared major must do so at the beginning of the registration periods for each semester or term. An undeclared major is acceptable for the freshman and sophomore years. In addition to a major, advising in pre-law or a pre-health area, such as pre-medicine, is provided. See the Pre-Law Advising or Pre-Health Professions Advising sections in the University-Wide Academic Opportunities section of this catalog for more information.

Double Major

Students and advisors should consult the Programs of Study list in the current catalog to determine the degree associated with the major. There is not a minimum number of additional credits required beyond the 128 minimum, **as long as all general education and major requirements for each program are completed.** If the general education requirements differ, the student must fulfill the stricter of the two requirements. When a double major includes majors from more than one college, the University Registrar must be informed of the student's preference as to the college and major for official listings. The first major listed by the student is used in determining both the degree to be received as well as the Commencement ceremony to attend. As the number of double major combinations are vast, these are not listed below or in department sections. Students should contact their current advisor, as well as their prospective second major advisor, for guidance and information.

Dual Degree

Dual degree students must fulfill all program requirements for two separate undergraduate degrees (such as bachelor of science and bachelor of arts). Students and advisors should consult the Programs of Study list in the current catalog to determine the degree associated with the major. A dual degree requires a student to take an additional 32 credit hours to earn the second undergraduate degree. Upon completion of the major requirements and the 32 additional hours, the student will be awarded two degrees. Students must meet all the major and general education requirements for both degrees. If the general education requirements differ, the student must fulfill the stricter of the two requirements. When a dual degree includes more than one college, the University Registrar must be informed of the student's preference as to the college for official listings. The first degree listed by the student is used in determining both the degree to be received as well as the Commencement ceremony to attend. Students should contact their current advisor, as well as their prospective second degree/major advisor, for guidance and information.

Minors

Minors range in credits from 18-32, but a minimum of nine credits in the minor field must be earned at Samford. (Some schools may have a higher minimum). A minor is not required in all majors; however, a student is encouraged to consult with his/her academic advisor to determine whether a minor or some selection or concentration of courses might enhance the academic experience.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

A grade point average of 2.00 in the Samford University (SU) average (calculated on all work taken at Samford) is required. Consult departmental listings for specific major course requirements, number of required credits, and grade point averages to achieve. A student must have at least a 2.00 GPA in both the major and minor fields.

Writing Proficiency Requirement

Samford University considers the development of students' writing proficiency an important objective. All students must complete UCS 102 (University Core: Seminar) at Samford (or transfer an equivalent course) with a grade of C- or better.

Convocation Requirement

Campuswide Convocation Programs for faculty, staff, and students are held regularly during the fall and spring semesters. Undergraduate students are required to complete 60 Convocation credits to graduate. To stay on track, SGA established a "half by half" initiative. This ultimately means that 30 Convocation credits must be completed by the time a student completes 64 academic credits. Transfer students

have their Convocation requirement prorated based on the credits they transfer to Samford from another institution. Convocation credit is earned when a student attends an approved event and registers through iAttended at the conclusion of the event. For more information about Convocation requirements, visit the Office of Spiritual Life Web site at <https://www.samford.edu/spiritual-life/>.

Additional Bachelor's Degrees

In order to receive an additional bachelor's degree, a student who has already received a bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 32 credits at Samford, including satisfaction of the university core curriculum, general education, GPA requirements, and four credits of religion (if a transfer student) beyond the first degree. All additional curricular and minimum GPA requirements of the second degree must be met.

Areas of Study - Brief Definitions

Concentration-A study in one area, not large enough to be considered a major, but preferably in a subject that enhances the major and academic experience.

Curriculum-A set of courses constituting an area of specialization.

Earned Credits-Those credits that accumulate based on successful completion of coursework (excluding repeated courses). Most undergraduate degrees require a minimum of 128 earned credits. Earned credits may be different than quality credits, which are used to compute the grade point average.

General Education Courses-Required courses that engage students in the liberal arts tradition of using diverse approaches to explore our shared humanity.

General Elective Credits-Required credits, in some programs, needed to achieve the overall Samford degree requirement of 128 credits. Overall number varies by major and can be impacted by the addition of second majors, minors, or concentrations, as well as by transfer credit and placement tests.

Grade Point Average (GPA)-The number of quality points earned divided by the number of quality credits. Also known as Quality-Point Average (QPA).

Interdisciplinary-Curriculum (major, concentration, or minor) requiring credits in two or more subject areas/disciplines.

Major-The subject in which a student concentrates most of his/her studies, following a set course curriculum, usually 30 to 60 credits for a bachelor's degree. Each student should declare a major by the junior year and file it with the Office of the Registrar.

Minor-A focus of study in a subject, on average 18 to 24 credits. A minor is not required in all majors.

Quality Credits-Each course is assigned a number of credits that a student can earn toward a degree if the course is completed successfully. Quality credits are divided into the number of quality points earned to obtain a student's grade point average (GPA). For a few courses, students only earn credits instead of quality credits, e.g., pass/fail courses, and these are not included in the GPA calculation.

Repeats-A course may be repeated in an attempt to earn a higher grade; however, credits for the course do not accumulate. See Course Repeats in the Grading System Guidelines and Policies section.

Undeclared Major-Students working toward a bachelor's degree are not required to declare a major during their freshman and sophomore years.

University Core Curriculum-Six required courses for all undergraduate students. (See University Core Curriculum in this section.)

University Fellows Program-Advanced academic track for undergraduate students who meet specific academic requirements. (See the University Fellows Program section of this catalog.)

Upper-Level-Coursework at the 300/400 level.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

The General Education Curriculum, including the University Core, engages students in the liberal arts tradition of transcending department and major by exploring new ways to understand their place in a complex world. All undergraduates are required to take the University Core Curriculum at Samford (22 credits).^{*} It is recommended that students be registered for UCT 101 (University Core Texts I) in their first semester at Samford. They should also register for UCR 101 (University Core: Rhetoric) or UCS 102 (University Core: Seminar), depending on their placement.^{**} Students should consult their academic advisors for recommended scheduling.

Additional courses in general education are also required to provide the foundation for the more specialized courses in the major. In some cases, the particular course required to satisfy a general education distribution requirement is specified by the major. Students should consult the section of the catalog that describes the major under consideration to learn about these special requirements.

Double-Dipping Note: Students may not "double-dip" by counting a course for credit in both their major and as a general education distribution requirement, unless otherwise noted in the department section. They may, however, count a general education course towards a minor or a second major.

^{*} Core curriculum requirements cannot be met through transient enrollment.

^{**} Placement into UCS 102, bypassing the requirement to complete UCR 101, does not exempt students from the minimum number of hours required for their chosen degree program (usually 128). These students may need to complete an additional four hours of a General Elective.

University Core Curriculum Courses (22 credits)

UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)

UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)

UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)

UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)

UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)

UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)

See also the General Education Overview table at the beginning of the Howard College of Arts and Sciences section.

General Education Distribution Area Requirements (27 credits)

See the General Education - Distribution Areas table at the beginning of the Howard College of Arts and Science section. This is the standard general education curriculum for Samford students (27 credits) and as such, is part of most degree programs offered. However, some schools, departments, degrees, majors, or minors may require variations to this standard. Please consult those department sections to see details on how general education variations may apply. See table footnotes for additional information.

Multi-Program Definitions - Undergraduate Level

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Application requirements for accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway programs vary depending on the program. Unless otherwise noted in the department section, students who have completed three-fourths of a bachelor's degree may apply to select graduate programs. After acceptance into an accelerated program, students can begin taking graduate coursework that is applicable to their undergraduate degree. The student must complete all undergraduate degree requirements with a minimum of 128 credit hours, all graduate degree requirements with a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours*, and a minimum of 150 credit hours total to award both degrees. Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs (aka Fast-Track or 3+3 programs) are listed below and in department sections.

*Total hours for doctoral programs are higher.

Double Major

Students and advisors should consult the Programs of Study list in the current catalog to determine the degree associated with the major. There is not a minimum number of additional credits required beyond the 128 minimum, **provided all general education and major requirements for each program are completed**. If the general education requirements differ, the student must fulfill the stricter of the two requirements. When a double major includes majors from more than one college, the University Registrar must be informed of the student's preference as to the college and major for official listings. The first major listed by the student is used in determining both the degree to be received as well as the Commencement ceremony to attend. As the number of double major combinations are vast, these are not listed below or in department sections. Students should contact their current advisor, as well as their prospective second major advisor, for guidance and information.

Dual Degree

Students fulfill all degree requirements for two separate undergraduate degrees (such as bachelor of science and bachelor of arts). Students and advisors should consult the Programs of Study list in the current catalog to determine the degree associated with the major. A dual degree requires a student to take an additional 32 credit hours to earn the second undergraduate degree. Upon completion of the major requirements and the 32 additional hours, the student will be awarded two degrees. Students must meet all the major and general education requirements for both degrees. If the general education requirements differ, the student must fulfill the stricter of the two requirements. When a dual degree includes more than one college, the University Registrar must be informed of the student's preference as to the college for official listings. The first degree listed by the student is used in determining both the degree to be received as well as the Commencement ceremony to attend. Students should contact their current advisor, as well as their prospective second degree/major advisor, for guidance and information.

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs

Business

Fast-Track Master of Accountancy (MAcc) with a BSBA in Accounting (aka Professional Accountancy)

Fast-Track Master of Business Administration (BA/MBA) with a BA in Human Development and Family Science (aka Fifth-Year MBA)

Fast-Track Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a BSBA in Management (aka Fast-Track in Sports Business)

Divinity

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a BA in selected majors*

Health Professions, Pharmacy, Public Health

Fast-Track Master of Healthcare Administration (MHCA) with a BS in Healthcare Administration

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (MPH) with a BA or BS in selected majors*

Fast-Track Master of Science in Nutrition with a Dietetics concentration with a BS in Nutrition and Dietetics

Fast-Track Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) with a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (MSW) with a BA or BS in selected majors*

Fast-Track Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) with a BS in Pharmacy Studies (aka 2+4 Pharmacy Program)

Fast-Track Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) with a BS in Exercise Science

Law

Fast-Track Juris Doctor (JD) with a BA or BS in selected majors (aka 3+3 Law Program) *

*Selected undergraduate majors available for the following graduate programs:

Fast-Track Master of Divinity: Biblical Studies, Christian and Religious Studies, Christian Ministry, Human Development and Family Science.

Fast-Track Master of Public Health: Health Sciences, Human Development and Family Science, Public Health, Psychology (BA), Sociology.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work: Biblical Studies, Christian and Religious Studies, Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management, Global Studies, Health Sciences, Human Development and Family Science, Psychology, Public Health, Sociology.

Fast-Track Juris Doctor: English, History, Human Development and Family Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, and more.

Academic Regulations

Students are expected to know regulations and policies found in this catalog and the *Samford University Student Handbook*. Keeping abreast of the school calendar, critical deadlines, as well as all university communication is also the student's responsibility.

Undergraduate Academic Achievement Recognition

University Fellows Program

For more information about the University Fellows Program, see the University-Wide Academic Opportunities section of this catalog.

Dean's List

At the end of each semester, a Dean's List is compiled consisting of undergraduate students who have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 while completing at least 12 quality credits in that semester at Samford. (Courses graded pass/fail, and in which a P grade is earned, do not factor into the credits used to determine Dean's List qualification, since P grades do not earn quality points.)

Graduation with Honors

Honors are awarded on the basis of all academic work taken at Samford University. Students who earn at least 64 credits at Samford and a grade point average (calculated on all work done at Samford University) of 3.500 through 3.749 are graduated *cum laude*; of 3.750 through 3.899 are graduated *magna cum laude*; and of 3.900 through 4.000 are graduated *summa cum laude*.

The **approved** honor organizations members may wear **cords** that are awarded by their honor organization. The class honors cords that are awarded each spring, may also be worn at commencement. Any officially recognized Samford organization (with a faculty/staff advisor) may request to wear **stoles** or **pins** that recognize their organization. Please reach out to the Office of the Registrar for guidance on how to proceed.

Honor Organizations

University-Wide

Alpha Epsilon Delta (Pre-Health)
Alpha Lambda Delta (Freshmen)
Dobro Slovo (Slavic Studies)
Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership and Service)
Order of Omega (Greek Leadership and Service)
Phi Kappa Phi (Academic Achievement)

Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Biblical and Religious Studies - Theta Alpha Kappa
Biology - Beta Beta Beta
Classics - Eta Sigma Phi
Communication Studies - Lambda Pi Eta
English - Sigma Tau Delta
Geography - Gamma Theta Upsilon
History - Phi Alpha Theta
Journalism and Mass Communication - Kappa Tau Alpha
Mathematics - Pi Mu Epsilon
Philosophy - Phi Sigma Tau
Political Science - Pi Sigma Alpha
Psychology - Psi Chi
Sociology - Alpha Kappa Delta
World Languages and Cultures -
 Pi Delta Phi (French)
 Delta Phi Alpha (German)
 Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish)

School of the Arts

Music - Delta Omicron
Theatre - Alpha Psi Omega

Brock School of Business

Business (General) - Beta Gamma Sigma
Accounting, Finance - Beta Alpha Psi
Economics - Omicron Delta Epsilon
Marketing - Mu Kappa Tau

Orlean Beeson School of Education

Human Development and Family Science - Kappa Omicron Nu
Teacher Education - Kappa Delta Pi
Continuing Studies - Alpha Sigma Lambda

Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing

Sigma Theta Tau

McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Rho Chi
Phi Lambda Sigma
Omicron Delta Kappa

School of Public Health

Healthcare Administration - Upsilon Phi Delta
Nutrition and Dietetics - Kappa Omicron Nu

Class Honors (Cords)

Class Honors cords are awarded in the spring term to undergraduate students who have successfully completed at least 12 quality (GPA) credits at Samford in the previous fall term with a Samford cumulative GPA of at least 3.75. (Courses graded pass/fail, and in which a P grade is earned, do not factor into the credits used to determine the Class Honor Core qualification, since P grades do not earn quality points.)

The four Class Honors cords are:

Freshman Year	Blue cord
Sophomore Year	White cord
Junior Year	Red cord
Senior Year	Three-color cord

A student may earn one cord each academic year for a combined maximum of four Class Honors awards. The award year count is determined by the number of years the student qualifies for a Class Honor, not by the student's classification. For example, if a student qualifies for an Honors cord the first time in his or her third year, he/she will receive the Junior year cord. The student will not have another opportunity to earn the Freshman or Sophomore cords.

Since these cords signify academic honors, all earned cords may be worn at the university's commencement ceremonies.

Academic Integrity

A degree from Samford University is evidence of achievement in scholarship and citizenship. Activities and attitudes should be consistent with high academic standards and Christian commitment and should be in keeping with the philosophy and mission of the university. At Samford, academic integrity is expected of every community member in all endeavors and includes a commitment to honesty, fairness, trustworthiness, and respect.

The University Statement on Academic Dishonesty is as follows: students, upon enrollment, enter into a voluntary association with Samford University. They must be willing to observe high standards of intellectual integrity, respect knowledge, and practice academic honesty. Those who cheat on an examination or class assignment are not only academically dishonest but also are deficient in the scholarly maturity necessary for college study. Those who engage in academic dishonesty are subject to severe punishment. The more dependent, the more inevitable becomes ultimate failure, often accompanied by public disgrace. Any act to obtain an unfair academic advantage is considered dishonest.

If a student is accused of a violation, a hearing panel composed of faculty and students will review the violation and may impose sanctions that include probation, suspension, or expulsion. The types of misconduct that constitute a violation, as well as the full text of the policy, including procedures and appeals, is available on the Registrar's Office page of the university website.

Academic Renewal

Undergraduate students who have withdrawn or have been suspended because of academic deficiencies at Samford may request to be considered for academic renewal after re-acceptance.

The following conditions apply:

1. Academic renewal may be used by a student who has sat out two contiguous semesters, not including summer terms, and whose cumulative Samford GPA is less than 2.00.
2. Any grade of D+ or less, up to a maximum of 32 credits, can be excluded. The grades remain on the academic transcript; however, they no longer count towards the cumulative Samford GPA. These excluded grades are separate from the university's repeat procedure and are not counted against a student's repeats.
3. Grades of a C- or better remain on the transcript and continue to count as GPA hours.
4. Students who wish to take advantage of academic renewal must inform Admissions upon re-acceptance to Samford.
5. Students who accept academic renewal will have a transcript notation indicating their readmission under this policy.
6. Academic renewal may be granted to a person only once.

Upon notifying the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Registrar of their desire to be considered for Academic Renewal, a committee composed of the university registrar and academic advising staff will review the application.

Students should be aware that academic renewal does not pertain to accumulated financial aid history. Accumulated semester and award limits include all semesters of enrollment. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the Office of Financial Aid to determine their eligibility for financial assistance.

Students are cautioned that many undergraduate professional curricula, graduate, and professional schools compute the undergraduate GPA over all credits attempted when considering applications for admission.

Academic Renewal will only be applied after a student completes their first semester back at Samford and receives a 2.00 in their first semester back.

Audit Student Guidelines

As an alternative to full participation in a credit course, students may audit the course. Audit students do not receive grades and do not usually participate in examinations; however, instructors have the option of establishing requirements for a satisfactory audit.

Undergraduate students are not permitted to audit courses numbered above 400-level.

1. **Audit as Credit Student** - Students choosing this option must be admitted to Samford either as a Regular or Special Status Student. Students should enroll in the course to be audited using registration procedures and paying the same tuition as regular enrollees. Provided the instructor's requirements are met, the course will appear on the credit transcript with the notation AU and zero credits. If these requirements are not met, a W will be entered on the transcript.
 2. **From a Grading/Credit Basis to an Audit Basis** - A student can change from a grading basis to an audit basis any time prior to the deadline for withdrawing from a class without academic penalty. There will be no financial refunds made as a result of a change in grading basis.
 3. **From an Audit Basis to a Grading/Credit Basis** - An audit student may not receive regular credit for a course begun as an audit unless the change is made by the last day to add a course for the semester or term.
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Class Attendance

One of the most vital aspects of a residential university experience is attendance and punctuality in the classroom. The classroom is the place where each student contributes to the learning experience of his or her classmates; therefore, the value of the classroom academic experience cannot be fully measured by testing procedures alone. Class attendance policies are established by each school at the university, and specific attendance requirements are indicated in the syllabus of each class. Some students participate in institutional activities that require them to represent the university in scheduled events on and off campus. For activities of sufficient importance in the overall life of the university, excused absences are granted. A list of activities qualifying for excused absences is maintained by the Office of the Provost. An excused absence does not relieve a student of responsibility for the academic work in the class missed. However, students may not be penalized for such absences and must be given the opportunity to make up missed work. Students are responsible for informing their professors, in advance, of the class dates that will be missed because of these activities. Practice and/or preparation for these activities would not be a valid reason to miss class. *Ultimately, each student bears the responsibility to be aware of and to comply with attendance and punctuality requirements.*

Student Bereavement Policy

In the event a student experiences the death of a significant member of his or her family or community, the university may excuse absences up to five days for travel and bereavement. The provost's office will notify advisors and instructors of excused absences. It will be the responsibility of the student to follow up with faculty regarding missed exams, quizzes and required work for the class.

Undergraduate Student Status by Credit Hour

Undergraduate Level	Full-Time Status Credit Hours	Three-Quarter-Time Status Credit Hours	Half-Time Status Credit Hours
Undergraduate	12	9	6
Undergraduate Second Degree	12	9	6

Class Registration and Policies

Class Load for Undergraduates

A normal class load for undergraduate day students during fall and spring semesters is 16 undergraduate credits. Permission from the school dean must be secured to register for more than 18 credits. Under no circumstances may an undergraduate day student register for more than 21 credits in any semester, regardless of session length, location, or method of delivery.

The normal class load in each summer term is two courses. The maximum credit allowable in any summer term is eight. The maximum credit allowable for two summer terms is 16. The maximum class load allowed in May Term is two courses, not to exceed a total of six credits. Continuing Studies students are limited to 10 credits in the summer and 14 credits in the fall or spring, without the dean's approval.

Student Classifications

Undergraduate students are classified as follows:

Freshman - A student who has earned fewer than 32 credits.

Sophomore - A student who has earned at least 32 credits, but fewer than 64.

Junior - A student who has earned at least 64 credits, but fewer than 96.

Senior - A student who has earned at least 96 credits.

Full-time student - A student who is enrolled for at least 12 credits in a semester or six credits in a summer term.

University Core Curriculum

All freshmen are required to take the University Core Curriculum at Samford. All students should be registered for University Core Text (UCT 101) in their first semester at Samford. They should also register for University Core: Rhetoric (UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)) or (UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)), depending on their placement. Students should consult their academic advisors for recommended scheduling.

Commencement

Graduation Requirements

It is the responsibility of the student to see that all graduation requirements are met. A student is required to meet all requirements for graduation as set forth in the *Samford University Catalog* (or, if more up to date, any school/departmental official publications) in effect at the time of entrance into the major, assuming that there is no interruption in enrollment other than for stated vacation periods. Later changes in the requirements for graduation are not applicable to students who proceed through their chosen program in a timely fashion.

Students whose enrollment has been interrupted are to follow the requirements for graduation as set forth in the catalog (or, if more up to date, any school/departmental official publications) in effect at the time of readmission to a major program of study.

If the university changes requirements for graduation after the entry of a student into a program, and if those changes better meet the goals of the student, the student may petition the dean of the appropriate school to be allowed to qualify for graduation by meeting the newer

requirements. If approved, the student will meet all requirements for graduation set forth in the later catalog. In no case may a student qualify for graduation by meeting requirements set forth in two different catalogs.

Graduation Attendance

Commencement exercises are held at the end of the fall semester and at the end of the spring semester. All candidates completing degree requirements are required to be present at the commencement events, except that attendance at the fall commencement is optional for those having completed degree requirements the previous August.

Undergraduate students who lack eight course credits or less toward degree requirements may petition the university registrar to march with their class at commencement. Such students must file an approved request outlining their plans to complete the missing course requirements. A form for this purpose is available in the Office of the Registrar.

This policy does not apply to students who have not completed UCS 102 with a C- or better. Also, this policy does not apply to undergraduate students who lack five or more convocation credits. Students who lack four convocation credits or less toward degree requirements may petition to march with their class at commencement. Such students must file an approved request form, which is available in the Office of Spiritual Life.

Students who have a Values Violation pending or have not completed the sanctions given by the Values Advocate or a Values Council will not be allowed to participate in graduation activities, including commencement exercises.

Credit Hour Policy

For Samford University programs, one unit (hour) of academic credit is granted to students who have successfully met academic requirements with an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that reasonably approximates not less than:

1. One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks or one semester or trimester hour of credit, or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time, or
2. At least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph 1 of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, clinicals, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

The above policy is in accordance with federal regulations and requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. It is applicable to all courses offered, regardless of the mode of delivery and/or session length (e.g., standard 15-week instructional format, 10- or 8-week format, non-classroom-based learning experiences, and online course delivery experiences). Individual schools and/or programs with course formats which differ from those cited above must define the standards for credit hours assigned and provide those standards and credit hours to students through publication (e.g., handbooks or websites).

The full Academic Credit Hour Policy is available at the following link: <https://www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/policies-and-definitions>.

Elective Withdrawal

Course Withdrawal and Dropping a Course

A student may drop a course without a grade of W (withdrawn) or academic penalty up through the last day to drop a course(s). Students can drop a course online through the Samford Portal up through this deadline. (See the Academic Calendar section of this catalog for date.)

A student may withdraw from a course **after** the last day to drop a course and up through the date to “withdraw from a course without academic penalty,” but will receive a grade of W. If the course is dropped after the date to “withdraw from a course without academic penalty,” the student will receive a grade of WF.

The date of the course withdrawal will be the date the official Course Withdrawal Form is returned to the Office of the Registrar. Students can obtain the Course Withdrawal Form from the Registrar’s Office Forms page.

If a student discontinues attending a course after the “last day to add or drop a course” without notifying the Office of the Registrar in writing or exceeds the maximum absences allowed in a course, a grade of FA will be entered on the student’s record with the same penalty as a grade of F.

School Withdrawal

A student desiring to withdraw from the university at any time must secure an official Withdrawal Request Form from the Office of the Registrar. The official date of withdrawal will be the date this form is returned to the Office of the Registrar. If a student leaves the university without completing this process, the permanent record will show a grade of FA in all courses for that semester/term. Students can obtain the Withdrawal Request Form from the Registrar’s Office Forms page.

- The permanent record of a student who withdraws before the last day to drop a course(s) will not show courses attempted for that semester/term.
- The permanent record of a student who withdraws from all courses for a semester/term before the deadline, as stated in the Academic Calendar, will show courses attempted and will show a grade of W (withdrawn). A W grade is not calculated in the student’s GPA.

- No student who withdraws from the university for any reason is entitled to a transcript of credits until his/her financial account has been settled in the Office of the Bursar.
- A student who withdraws in the last two weeks of a semester automatically receives a WF in each course attempted.

Semester Withdrawal

A student who withdraws from all courses in a semester or term and is not registered for courses the following semester or term is considered to be withdrawing from the university. (See the School Withdrawal section above for more information.) If the student does not return to Samford within one calendar year, he/she will have to be readmitted. (See Readmission Student Applicant for more information.) A student who withdraws from all courses in a semester or term but is registered for courses in the following semester or term is still considered currently enrolled. The student may request permission to take courses as a transient student at another institution by submitting the Transient Enrollment/Letter of Good Standing Request Form. (See Transfer Policies for more information.)

Forms for dropping/withdrawing from a course, university or semester withdrawal, and transient enrollment can be found on the Registrar's Office Forms page.

Academic Warning and Required Withdrawal

Placement on Academic Warning

Any student who has attempted 12 or more credits at Samford University must have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 in work done at Samford. Failure to maintain a 2.00 GPA will result in being placed on academic warning.

Continuation of Academic Warning

Any student who has been placed on academic warning and whose Samford cumulative GPA continues to be below 2.00 will remain on academic warning unless required to withdraw.

Making Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students on academic warning who maintain the GPAs listed below will be considered as making satisfactory academic progress toward graduation and may remain in school. Student athletes are held to NCAA standards for continuing eligibility that may be higher than those below. Contact the Athletic Compliance Officer for details.

Requirements to Classify as Making Satisfactory Academic Progress	
Total Quality Credits	Required Cumulative Samford GPA
13-31	1.70
32-63	1.80
64-95	1.90
96 or more	2.00

Required Withdrawal

If a student placed on academic warning does not achieve the cumulative GPA required at Samford University at the end of the semester or term, he or she is required to withdraw from the university for at least one full semester. Readmission is not automatic. Applications for readmission must be made through the Office of Admission at least six weeks prior to the beginning of the semester/term the student wants to return. Students may not attend other institutions during their period of withdrawal. Samford University will not accept any transfer credits completed during this required absence. See Readmission Student Applicant in the Undergraduate Admission Procedures and Policies section of this catalog for application procedures.

Grading System Guidelines and Policies

Pass/Fail Basis Grading System

Any student who is enrolled in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences, the School of the Arts, the Brock School of Business, the Orlean Beeson School of Education, the School of Health Professions, or the School of Public Health, who is classified as a sophomore, junior, or senior, may elect to receive a pass/fail grade rather than a letter grade in no more than 12 credits of regular coursework. In a course elected for grading on the pass/fail basis, the student's grade shall be designated "pass" or "fail." A grade designation of "pass" shall not be included in the student's grade point average; a grade of "fail" shall be included at 0.00 quality points per quality credit.

No course elected for grading on the pass/fail basis shall satisfy any part of a core, general education, major, or minor requirement for graduation. Successfully completed pass/fail courses will count toward the minimum total credits. The student can change from a grading basis to the pass/fail basis or from the pass/fail basis to the grading basis any time prior to the deadline for withdrawing from a class without academic penalty.

Certain internship and externship courses may be taken for pass/fail credit only. Certain courses in the School of the Arts may be taken more than once for pass/fail credit only. Credits earned in these courses may count toward the major or minor requirement and will not be included in the 12-credit limit. (Consult with your dean or advisor before registering for pass/fail credit.)

Course Repeats

Upon the recommendation of the advisor and with the approval of the university registrar, an undergraduate student may repeat a course for credit in which she or he received a C- or lower to improve her or his grade and cumulative GPA, as well as her or his understanding of course content.

When a course grade of C- or lower is repeated at Samford, only the grade earned in the most recent instance of the course, even if it is lower, will count in the calculation of the cumulative average. The credits count only once. Both courses and both grades remain on the transcript with an indication of which course is counted in the computation of the cumulative GPA. The repeated course must be the exact same course that was originally taken. Courses repeated at other institutions do not change the Samford cumulative GPA.

The deadline for submitting the petition to repeat a course with a C- or lower grade is the last day to add a course in the semester the repeated course is being taken. A form for this purpose, the Course Repeat Petition, is available online from the following link: www.samford.edu/departments/registrar/forms.

A course can be repeated only once using the repeat policy to exclude the original grade from the student's GPA calculation. A student may take advantage of this policy for no more than 16 credits. Repeating a course may influence a student's financial aid or sports eligibility. Courses repeated after graduation will not change the graduation GPA.

Students who opt to take a course pass/fail, and earn a P grade, cannot later repeat that course for a letter grade.

Examinations

Examinations, two hours in length, are given in all undergraduate subjects at the end of each semester. The precise weight assigned to the final examination is determined by the faculty member, the traditional policy being to count as 25% to 35% in obtaining a final average.

Incomplete Grade

An Incomplete (INC) may be awarded when a student has attended and is passing a course but, because of extenuating circumstances, is unable to complete the requirements prior to the end of the semester. To be eligible for an incomplete, the student must have completed the majority of the coursework (e.g., 50% or more) with passing grades. The student must request an Incomplete from the instructor prior to the final exam and provide a reason for the need.

The student is responsible for arranging with the instructor the necessary assignments to complete the course requirements without further class attendance and without being added to a Canvas course for which they are not registered.

Students must complete the outstanding coursework within the following term. Failure to do so will result in an automatic F.

Duplicate Credit

Samford University handles duplicate credit in one of two ways, depending on the circumstance.

1. Duplicate credit will be deleted if any instance of the credit was awarded by an external institution or entity. This type of external credit would include transfer, transient, study away, or placement courses/exams.
2. Duplicate credit will be adjusted so that it does not contribute to the GPA or to the total number of credits and will remain visible on the transcript. This would apply to courses that have already applied for credit.

Grade Changes

An initial grade may be changed by an instructor with the approval of the instructor's department chair and dean. This change reflects administrative error in the calculation of a grade, the accidental misposting of an incorrect grade, or some other administrative factor resulting in the posting of an incorrect grade. It can also be the result of the completion of course requirements by a student where an INC grade is replaced by a letter grade. An E or an INC which is not changed by grade change automatically becomes an F if not removed by the last day of classes in the next full semester after the grade was given. This grade of F may not be challenged.

Undergraduate Grade Appeals

An initial grade may be challenged by a student before the last day of classes of the next full semester. Summer Term grades must be appealed by the end of fall term. All petitions must be made first in writing to the instructor, chair, and dean. All appeals must be written and demonstrate and document an unusual circumstance that warrants a review of the grade and evidence of the grade s/he believes should have been given by the instructor. The student must include the full and complete grounds for the appeal in the initial appeal. Each subsequent appeal must include the previous appeals and responses by university representatives. If each of these three in turn denies the appeal, the student may appeal to the university registrar. The registrar will convene a subcommittee of the Faculty Academic Affairs Committee who will weigh the appeal. The results of this subcommittee's decision are final.

If a student considers either a Title IX or an ADA accommodation complaint to be the basis for the grade appeal, the student should start the appeal with the Title IX coordinator or the Office of Accessibility and Accommodations. Until a decision is rendered from the appropriate office regarding the complaint, the assigned grade will be changed to an INC, meaning Incomplete. A finding in favor of the student may result in an educational plan to address changing the grade. A finding denying the appeal will result in the INC being changed to its original grade. The student may then complete the appeal process outlined above. During the time a grade is reported as an INC, the course will have no impact on GPA or credit hour completion.

Letter Grading System

Grades are indicated by letter symbols. The numerical value assigned to a letter grade is determined by each faculty member.

Grade Symbol	Definition	Quality Points Earned
A	The highest proficiency in ability and application	4.0
A-	Slightly less than the highest proficiency in ability and application	3.7
B+	Outstanding proficiency	3.3
B	Ability and achievement of a high but second order	3.0
B-	Ability and achievement of a high but third order	2.7
C+	A better than average performance	2.3
C	Average ability or average achievement	2.0
C-	Slightly below average achievement. There is a repeat policy.	1.7
D+	Below average performance. Many colleges decline to accept transfer credit of lower than a C grade. There is a repeat policy.	1.3
D	Below average performance. There is a repeat policy.	1.0
D-	Just above failing performance. There is a repeat policy.	0.70
E	Grade given to a student who, though failing a final examination, has a general daily average high enough to justify the expectation that he/she could pass the course if permitted to take a make-up examination. An E can be removed only by re-examination and is never raised to a grade higher than D. There is a repeat policy.	0.00
F	Outright failure and can be changed only if it is the result of a clerical error made by the institution. If F is given as a final grade, the student must repeat the entire course and earn a passing grade to receive credit for it. There is a repeat policy.	0.00
FA	Grade given to a student who is dropped from a course because of excessive absences or who withdraws from the university without written permission from the Office of the Registrar. It carries the same penalty as F.	0.00
FX	Failure due to a violation of academic integrity.	0.00
INC	Represents Incomplete. Incomplete grades are valid if the student has done work that would earn a passing grade in the course but has failed to complete some portion of the required work because of an emergency , and the work can be completed without further class attendance .	0.00
IP	Indicates that a course remains In Progress and ends after the semester's/term's final grade deadline.	0.00
Z	Represents No Grade. It is given when a faculty member does not assign a grade. Instructor must change the Z to a grade.	0.00
W	Indicates that the student withdrew before the academic penalty period but was in good standing. There is no penalty for W.	0.00
WF	Indicates that the student withdrew during the academic penalty period. WF carries the same penalty as F.	0.00
P	Grade assigned for successful completion of a course designated Pass or Fail. It will not be included in the GPA.	0.00
AU	Symbol assigned for successful completion of a course taken on an audit basis. An audited course will not meet any graduation requirement or be included in the GPA.	0.00

Transfer Policies for Current Samford Students

Transfer of Grades/Credits for Courses Taken at Other Institutions by Current Samford Students

Current Samford students who take courses at another institution during any semester or term (typically the summer term) are considered **transient** students at the other college/university.

Below are important facts for current Samford students who are pursuing transient enrollment at another institution:

- Students who wish to transfer any credit completed while a transient student towards their Samford degree must have **written approval signed in advance** by their academic advisor, academic department head, and the registrar. The Transient Enrollment/Letter of Good Standing Request Form can be found on the Registrar's Office Forms page.
- University Core Curriculum requirements cannot be met through transient enrollment.
- Seniors must have the written approval of their academic dean.
- Seniors may not transfer more than two courses for a maximum of 8 credits.
- The transient institution must be regionally accredited.
- Transient transfer credit is subject to university transfer policies and will be awarded when the official transcript from the transient institution is received.
- Courses from transient schools must have a letter grade of C- or better in order to be posted as earned credit on your transcript.
- Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will not be accepted unless the student produces written documentation from the awarding institution that the grade represents at least a C-.
- Transfer/transient courses are not calculated into the Samford GPA.
- It is the student's responsibility to arrange to have a transcript sent from the transient institution directly to Samford upon completion of the course(s).
- The Transient Enrollment/Letter of Good Standing Request Form must be accompanied by a course description(s) from the transient institution.
- The Samford GPA must be at least 2.00 at the end of the current semester and the Samford account must be clear of all holds in order to have a Letter of Good Standing sent to a transient institution.
- Transient enrollment policies also apply to overseas/study abroad courses with foreign institutions. A separate form for study abroad transient work is available on the Registrar's Office Forms page.
- Total combined registered credits-Samford courses plus transient enrollment (not the BACHE program)-may not exceed 18 hours unless approved by the student's school dean. Combined registered credits for transient and Samford courses may never exceed 21 hours in any term. See Class Load for Undergraduates for maximum credit hours allowed.
- Students planning to take transient work in the summer are strongly encouraged to complete the Transient Enrollment/Letter of Good Standing Request Form as early as possible in the spring. Delay in submitting the form could result in inability to register for the desired class at the preferred institution.

Joint Services Transcript

The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is issued through the JST Operations Center. It reports courses that may be considered for transfer credit from any of the military branches, one source for all. "The American Council on Education's (ACE) Military Programs evaluates formal service courses and occupations approved by a central authority, employing the services of teams of subject-matter specialists from colleges and universities (professors, deans, and other academicians) that, through the discussion and the application of evaluation procedures and guidelines, reach consensus on content, description, and amount of credit to be recommended for selected courses and occupations." (Quoted from the JST Official Transcript Explanation.)

Samford will consider for transfer credit any course reported on the JST that has potential for academic credit. Courses that fall into vocational/career/technical areas are not considered for transfer credit. The course description reported on the JST transcript is forwarded to the appropriate academic department chair for evaluation. If a comparable Samford equivalent is approved, credit is applied for the ACE recommended credit hours and level. If additional course information is needed, the online Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services may be consulted.

In addition, the Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) may be considered for world language credit if reported on the JST. The language and scores with ACE recommendations in listening, reading, and speaking are sent to the chair of the World Languages and Cultures Department for evaluation and assignment for comparable credit.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records. The rights of the FERPA heretofore assigned to parents are now transferred to their college students.

These rights are:

1. Eligible students have the right to inspect and review all their educational records maintained by the school. The student must contact the Office of the Registrar to make an appointment to view their academic record.
2. Eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school refuses to change the records, the eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still refuses the correction, the eligible student has the right to place a statement in the records commenting on the contested information in the records.
3. Generally, Samford University must have permission from the eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:
 - School employees who have a need to know
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring
 - Parents when a student over 18 is still a dependent
 - Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student
 - Organizations doing certain studies for the school
 - Accrediting organizations
 - Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas
 - Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies
 - State and local authorities to whom disclosure is required by state laws adopted before November 19, 1974

Schools may also disclose, without consent, "directory type" information, such as a student's name, address, and telephone number.

Samford University has designated the following as directory information: student name, address, telephone number, email address, date and place of birth, enrollment status, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, honors, degrees and awards received, most recent previous school attended, and photograph. *An eligible student who does not wish for this information to be released without prior written consent must notify in writing the Office of the Registrar by the last day to drop/add without financial penalty in a semester or term.*

Distance Learning

A few academic programs offered by Samford are available in part, if not entirely, in a web-based, online format. These programs are identified as such. For more information on state authorizations for online, distance learning agreements, see the following link, and click on Distance Learning:

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/institutional-effectiveness/consumer-information/>

Financial Information

This policy provides the rates for tuition, fees, room, board and deposits, effective with the beginning of the fall semester 2025 through summer 2026.

We urge you to familiarize yourself with the information in this policy so that you are aware of all charges before registration. Within these pages you will find billing dates, payment and refund policies, and other important information related to your student financial account.

The university makes every effort to hold increases to the lowest figure possible while providing quality programs of good value. Tuition and fees cover only a portion of Samford's educational and general expenditures. For the remainder of its operating needs, the university relies primarily on investment earnings, and gifts and grants from alumni, individuals, businesses, foundations, and other supporters.

Tuition and fees for the 2025-2026 academic year will be posted in July 2025. Tuition and mandatory fees have been set regardless of the method of instruction and will not be refunded in the event instruction occurs remotely for any part of the academic year. Samford reserves the right to change tuition rates, other charges, refund procedures, and other policies. Updated information is always available online.

Samford University is an Equal Opportunity Institution and does not discriminate in its educational and employment policies on the basis of race, color, sex, age, disability, or national or ethnic origin.

Tuition and Fees Payment Policy-All Students

Tuition and Fees Payment Guidelines

Account Statements

Notification that a new statement has been generated is sent to students via Samford University email, which remains the official means of communication with students; paper statements are not provided. Students are advised to check their Samford email regularly. Students and authorized users may access the financial portal at any time at www.samford.edu/go/financialportal.

Students registering during the early registration period will receive a statement approximately 15 days prior to the payment due date. The statement reflects activity up to the date the statement was generated. Any activity transpiring after the statement generation date can be viewed on the Current Activity section of the financial portal. The Current Activity page provides the current account balance that is due, including any unbilled charges and payments. Payment will be due in accordance with the schedule as seen below. Students who register, make schedule changes, add room and board, etc., **after** the statement generation date, **must** consult the financial portal to view their account summary and arrange payment for all charges by the due date for the term, regardless of whether the charge(s) has been billed.

Registration Cancellation

Students with unpaid balances by the published due date are subject to having their registration cancelled until payment is received. A student may be reinstated by paying the balance in full, plus a \$100 reinstatement fee.

Statement generation, payment, and registration cancellation dates are noted on the Billing and Refund Schedule tables at:

Student link: <http://www.samford.edu/go/onestop>

Parent link: <http://www.samford.edu/parents/> (under Parent Resources, click "Pay a Bill")

Financial Portal link: www.samford.edu/go/financialportal

International students wire payment option: Access TransferMate using the Financial Portal link above or access www.flywire.com.

Holds

Students may not register for the next semester until past due amounts are cleared. Other departments, such as University Health Services, may also have holds in place to restrict next semester registration. Students must contact that department to resolve the hold placement. Samford One Stop does not have permission to release the holds placed by another department.

Collections

Past due accounts assigned to a collection agency may be reported to the credit bureaus and students may be responsible for attorney fees, collection fees, and interest. The university may charge interest on all amounts past due.

Payment Method Options for Students and Parents

Students may authorize parents or other designated individuals to access the financial portal and make payments on their behalf. To enable this feature, a student **must** access the financial portal and set up any individual responsible for payment of his/her student account as an "Authorized User."

Authorized users will receive an email notification when a new statement is issued. Authorized users should click on the link in the email or enter the link in their browser to access the financial portal and make a payment.

Financial Portal Link: www.samford.edu/go/financialportal

Online Payments with Check

Payment by electronic check using the financial portal is the most efficient and cost-effective payment option. Payment by electronic check may be made by using the financial portal link above.

Online Payments with Credit Card

MasterCard, Visa, Discover, and American Express may be used to make online payments by using the financial portal link above. A convenience fee of up to 3.00% (minimum of \$3.00) will be assessed by the third-party web processor for payments made with a credit/debit card. Payment by credit card may be made by using the financial portal link above.

Other Payment Options

The Samford One Stop continues to accept payment by check through the mail, but the university is not responsible for delays of the postal service. Payment by check may be made in person in the Samford One Stop.

International Wire Payments

International Students may make wire payments via TransferMate using the Financial Portal link above or by accessing www.flywire.com.

Payment Plans

In an attempt to offer an alternative to additional borrowing, Samford University provides interest-free payment plan options (plan enrollment fee may be charged) for all students enrolled in fall, spring, or summer terms. Below is a brief description of the options available for the 2025-2026 academic year. Please take time to explore the information below concerning the plans available for the 2025-2026 academic year.

A five-payment option and a four-payment option are available for Fall 2025. For Spring 2026, only the four-payment option is available. A three-payment option is available for summer. These plans allow a student to make a specified down payment of 20% for the five-payment option, 25% for the four-payment option, and 30% for the three-payment option. Students will then complete the remainder of the plan by making equal payments throughout the term on a prescribed schedule. Installment and payment amounts may vary if additional charges or payments are posted throughout the semester. Please visit the Samford One Stop website referenced below for up-to-date information.

It is recommended students be fully registered and have room and board charges (if applicable) in place before enrolling in a plan. Furthermore, all financial aid paperwork and processing should be completed in order to obtain a true net cost to be used with a plan. Changes in tuition, fees, room, and board, as well as financial aid adjustments made after plan enrollment will affect remaining payments. Outstanding or past due balances from prior terms may not be placed on a payment plan and will prevent enrollment until the past due balance is paid in full. Plan participants must enroll during the designated enrollment period. Late enrollments are not permitted. The academic program in which the student is enrolled may prevent enrollment in a plan. See website for details.

Please note that late installment payments may jeopardize a student's ability to enroll in a payment plan in a subsequent term. Late fees may be charged for late installment payments. For up-to-date information regarding payment plans, please go to www.samford.edu/go/onestop and follow the payment plans link.

The Samford University Portal and associated online student services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for scheduled maintenance and unforeseen circumstances. Maintenance is scheduled in advance with notice to all students.

Should you encounter login problems, please contact the Help Desk at (205) 726-2662.

NOTE: While every effort has been made to provide accurate and up-to-date information, specific financial details are subject to change. Please see the Samford One Stop website for the latest information: www.samford.edu/go/onestop

Payment/Refund Schedules for All Students

Any student with a past due balance will not be eligible to register for the next semester or obtain his/her transcript or diploma. Registration cancellation will be processed for all students with unpaid tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board (billed and unbilled) on the date in the Billing Schedule table below.

Refunds

Refunds are first available within ten (10) business days after financial aid has been credited (disbursed) to the student's account. Refunds will not be available before that time. Disbursement of aid on a student account is regulated based on the student's first day of class. The refund availability dates below are the earliest dates that the refunds will be available. These dates are subject to satisfactory completion/submission of all needed information by the student. The dates are subject to change and may be adjusted to comply with federal regulations governing refunds to students. Signing up for direct deposit in the financial portal may expedite the receipt of any refunds.

Other Requirements and Costs

Student Health Insurance

Samford University strongly encourages all students to have health insurance to help minimize the costs associated with their healthcare. Samford offers a Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) with BlueCross BlueShield of Alabama, which is administered by our vendor, Academic Health Plans (AHP). Eligible Samford students can explore the plan and enroll by visiting <https://samford.myahpcare.com>.

All students in the College of Health Sciences and all international students are required to have health insurance and must provide proof of existing coverage on an annual basis. Failure to provide evidence of insurance may result in the student being automatically enrolled in the SHIP and their student account charged for the coverage. In the future, other programs (especially those that include experiential learning opportunities off-campus) may require proof of insurance. If you have questions, contact your program coordinator.

International Students: Based upon federal regulations and university policy, all F and J visa holders are required to carry insurance that meets certain coverage requirements. Information about specific policy carriers, minimum coverage, and premium costs is available from SamfordGlobal at (205) 726-2741.

Miscellaneous Fees

Special fees or fines may apply for recreational activities, supplies, memberships, residence halls, etc. Other costs of interest include books and personal property insurance. Students should contact the organization or department/office responsible for assessing those fees/fines for more information. Additional information can also be found in the *Samford University Student Handbook*.

Financial Aid Information

Students seeking financial aid should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.studentaid.gov. The priority date is February 15 for the upcoming academic year. Students who file the FAFSA on or before that date will comprise the first group for whom financial aid is packaged and awarded. FAFSAs filed after February 15 will be processed in the order they are received.

Students may obtain information regarding financial aid online at www.samford.edu/go/onestop or by telephone at (205) 726-2905. Students are encouraged to use these resources for information or questions regarding financial aid at Samford University.

Drop and Add Policy for All Students

Class Drops and Adds

Drops, adds, and other changes in a student class schedule that do not involve complete withdrawal from school are subject to the following rules:

1. During drop/add, if a schedule change results in a reduction of the student's total credits (less than full-time), tuition may be adjusted. Any reduction in a student's course load may result in an adjustment in the student's financial aid.
2. After the last day to drop a course(s), dropping a course(s) will not result in a reduction of charges for tuition or fees.
3. There are no refunds of fees unless the course related to the fee is dropped within the drop/add period, or one withdraws as outlined below.

Charges will be adjusted according to these financial policies and the credits taken by the student. Complete withdrawal from the university is covered under the refund and withdrawal policy. (See also Elective Withdrawal in the Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog.)

Withdrawal Refund Policy for All Students

Student Withdrawal

The university is required to contract for a substantial amount of goods and services in advance. Most of these expenses are fixed and are not subject to change on short notice. Under certain circumstances, refunds are available to students who officially withdraw from the university. A student desiring to withdraw from the university must obtain an official withdrawal form from the Office of the Registrar. The form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar when it is completed.

This policy applies to all terms including fall and spring semesters, fall and spring A/B terms, and summer terms. If a student withdraws from all courses in a term, a portion of or all financial aid may be returned by the university to the original provider(s) of the funding. In such cases where the return of funds creates a balance due to Samford, the student will be required to reimburse the university for those returned funds and any associated fees. (See also Elective Withdrawal in the Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog.)

Withdrawal Refund Policy for Fall Semester

In case of a complete withdrawal or suspension from Samford, the following will dictate refunds:

Refund Schedule for Fall 2025			
Description	Start Date	End Date	Refund %
Fall Full Term (POT 1, G1, G2)	8/25/25	8/31/25	100%
POT 1 starts - 8/25/25	9/1/25	9/7/25	90%
POT G1 starts - 8/25/25	9/8/25	9/14/25	75%
POT G2 starts - 8/18/25	9/15/25	9/28/25	50%
	9/29/25	10/22/25	25%
	10/23/25		0%
Fall A Term (POT A)	8/25/25	8/31/25	100%
POT A starts - 8/25/25	9/1/25	9/7/25	90%
	9/8/25	9/14/25	75%
	9/15/25	9/21/25	50%
	9/22/25	10/1/25	25%
	10/2/25		0%
Fall B Term (POT B)	10/20/25	10/26/25	100%
POT B starts - 10/20/25	10/27/25	11/2/25	90%
	11/3/25	11/9/25	75%
	11/10/25	11/16/25	50%
	11/17/25	11/26/25	25%
	11/27/25		0%

Withdrawal Refund Policy for Spring Semester

In case of a complete withdrawal or suspension from Samford, the following will dictate refunds (*Dates for Spring 2026 are under review and subject to change.*)

Refund Schedule for Spring 2026			
Description	Start Date	End Date	Refund %
Spring Full Term (POT 1, G1, G2)	1/12/26	1/18/26	100%
POT 1 starts - 1/12/26	1/19/26	1/25/26	90%
POT G1 starts - 1/12/26	1/26/26	2/1/26	75%
POT G2 starts - 1/5/26	2/2/26	2/16/26	50%
	2/17/26	3/12/26	25%
	3/13/26		0%
Spring A Term (POT A)	1/12/26	1/18/26	100%
POT A starts - 1/12/26	1/19/26	1/25/26	90%
	1/26/26	2/1/26	75%
	2/2/26	2/8/26	50%
	2/9/26	2/19/26	25%
	2/20/26		0%
Spring B Term (POT B)	3/9/26	3/15/26	100%
POT B starts - 3/9/26	3/16/26	3/22/26	90%
	3/23/26	3/29/26	75%
	3/30/26	4/5/26	50%
	4/6/26	4/15/26	25%
	4/16/26		0%
Divinity Interterm (POT D1)	1/5/26	1/6/26	100%
POT D1 starts - 1/5/26	1/7/26	1/9/26	90%
	1/10/26	1/10/26	75%
	1/11/26	1/11/26	50%
	1/12/26	1/12/26	25%
	1/13/26		0%

Refund Schedule for Spring 2026 (cont'd)

Description	Start Date	End Date	Refund %
Divinity Spring Term (POT D2)	1/22/26	1/28/26	100%
POT D2 starts - 1/22/26	1/29/26	2/4/26	90%
	2/5/26	2/11/26	75%
	2/12/26	2/25/26	50%
	2/26/26	3/21/26	25%
	3/22/26		0%

Withdrawal Refund Policy for Summer Terms

In case of a complete withdrawal or suspension from Samford, the following will dictate refunds (*Dates for Summer 2026 are under review and subject to change.*)

Refund Schedule for Summer 2026

Description	Start Date	End Date	Refund %
May Term (POT MAY)	5/4/26	5/5/26	100%
POT MAY starts - 5/4/26	5/6/26	5/8/26	90%
	5/9/26	5/9/26	75%
	5/10/26	5/10/26	50%
	5/11/26	5/11/26	25%
	5/12/26		0%
Summer CHS 14-Wk Term (POT 1)	5/4/26	5/10/26	100%
POT 1 starts - 5/4/26	5/11/26	5/17/26	90%
	5/18/26	5/24/26	75%
	5/25/26	5/31/26	50%
	6/1/26	6/12/26	25%
	6/13/26		0%
Summer CHS 12-Wk Term (POT S12)	5/18/26	5/24/26	100%
POT S12 starts - 5/18/26	5/25/26	5/31/26	90%
	6/1/26	6/7/26	75%
	6/8/26	6/14/26	50%
	6/15/26	6/26/26	25%
	6/27/26		0%
Law Summer Term (POT LS)	6/1/26	6/7/26	100%
POT LS starts - 6/1/26	6/8/26	6/14/26	90%
	6/15/26	6/21/26	75%
	6/22/26	6/28/26	50%
	6/29/26	7/10/26	25%
	7/11/26		0%
Summer 10-Wk Term (POT 4)	6/1/26	6/7/26	100%
POT 4 starts - 6/1/26	6/8/26	6/14/26	90%
	6/15/26	6/21/26	75%
	6/22/26	6/28/26	50%
	6/29/26	7/10/26	25%
	7/11/26		0%
Summer I Term (POT 2)	6/1/26	6/6/26	100%
POT 2 starts - 6/1/26	6/7/26	6/8/26	90%
	6/9/26	6/10/26	75%
	6/11/26	6/14/26	50%
	6/15/26	6/16/26	25%
	6/17/26		0%
Summer II Term (POT 3)	7/8/26	7/13/26	100%
POT 3 starts - 7/8/26	7/14/26	7/15/26	90%
	7/16/26	7/17/26	75%
	7/18/26	7/21/26	50%
	7/22/26	7/23/26	25%
	7/24/26		0%

NOTE: Additional small summer terms are typically available (Law Cambridge, Law Iceland, Law Scotland, Law Mini-Term, Pharmacy APPEs). Because their start/stop dates are not always known in advance, they are not listed here. Please contact Student Financial Services for more information on withdrawal dates and estimated refunds for those smaller terms.

Military Call to Active Duty

Students will be allowed to withdraw without penalty from the university and receive a 100% tuition remission (less any financial aid which the student may have received for the semester) upon presenting an original copy of their orders to the Office of the Registrar.

Alternatively, incomplete (INC) grades with no tuition reimbursement may be more appropriate when the withdrawal is near the end of the semester and INCs are agreed to by the instructor(s) and the student and approved by the dean of the school or college. In the latter case, the student will be allowed to complete the coursework according to a written agreement submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Incomplete grades and withdrawals may affect financial aid eligibility. Students should contact their Samford One Stop advisor if they are recipients of Title IV aid.

Return of Title IV Funds

Federal financial aid funds are awarded with the expectation that students will complete the entire period of enrollment. Students “earn” a percentage of the funds that are disbursed to them with each day of class attendance. When a student, who has received federal financial aid (Title IV funds), leaves school before the end of the semester or period of enrollment, federal law requires the university to calculate the percentage and amount of “unearned” financial aid funds that must be returned to the federal government. This calculation may have the effect of requiring the student to repay funds that have already been disbursed to the student.

Once a student has completed more than 60% of the enrollment period, students are considered to have earned all funding received. The university will not reduce the amount owed simply because of the loss of eligibility of financial aid. Thus, withdrawal prior to completion of 60% of the semester may result in the student repaying portions of financial aid returned to original sources, in addition to any institutional costs owed to the university. Students are urged to consider these financial implications prior to making the decision to withdraw from school.

Refund Appeal

Students who believe that they have individual circumstances warranting an exception to published refund policies may appeal. To appeal, the student or parent should contact:

University Registrar, Office of the Registrar
Samford University
800 Lakeshore Drive
Birmingham, Alabama 35229

Brief Definition of Terms Used in Financial Policies

In all of the following situations, students must complete the proper forms in the Office of the Registrar. Arbitrarily discontinuing class attendance does not substitute for official notification of course dropping or withdrawal.

Drops and Adds

Adding a Course: A course can be added anytime on or before the date listed on the Academic Calendar as “Last Day to Drop or Add a Course(s).” Payment for the course is due the day the course is added.

Dropping a Course: This term applies to the **complete** removal of a course from a student’s permanent record. *This can only be done if the student notifies the Office of the Registrar on or before the date listed on the Academic Calendar as “Last Day to Drop or Add a Course(s).”*

If a student notifies the Office of the Registrar after this date, the course will be considered a withdrawal, will remain on the student’s permanent record with a grade of W or WF (see below), and **no financial reimbursement will be given**. (See Course Withdrawal in Academic Policies and Regulations.)

Withdrawals

Course Withdrawal: Course Withdrawal is also often referred to as Partial Withdrawal. In order to be considered as withdrawn from a course, a student must complete an official Course Withdrawal form in the Office of the Registrar on or before the date listed on the Academic Calendar as “Last Day to Withdraw from a Course(s) without Academic Penalty.” If these requirements are met, the student will receive an automatic grade of W. If the student withdraws after the date listed on the Academic Calendar, the student will receive an automatic grade of WF. (See Course Withdrawal in Academic Policies and Regulations.)

There is no financial reimbursement for a course withdrawal.

School or University Withdrawal: **This term refers to officially leaving Samford University and discontinuing attending all classes. Financial reimbursement will be based on the university’s refund policies for withdrawal. (See Withdrawal Policy in this section and Elective Withdrawal - School Withdrawal in Academic Policies and Regulations.)**

Tuition and Fees - Undergraduate

Billing, Refund, and Tuition and Fees Tables – University and Undergraduate

University Fees - All Undergraduate Students for Academic Year 2025-2026

The following fees apply to ALL undergraduate Samford students, unless otherwise indicated, and are nonrefundable.

Description	Student Classification	Expense/Notes
Application Fee (Undergraduate Only)	All Undergraduate Students	\$50/application
Freshman Orientation	All Students in Orientation	\$250/occurrence
University Fee (Full-Time, On Campus)	All Full-Time Undergraduate Students	\$575/semester (Fall & Spring)
University Fee (Full-Time, Off Campus)	All Full-Time Undergraduate Students	\$700/semester (Fall & Spring)
University Fee (Part-Time)	All Part-Time Undergraduate Students	\$517/semester (Fall & Spring)
University Fee (Summer)	All Summer Undergraduate Students	\$294/Summer Term
University Fee (Cont Studies/Samford Online)	All Continuing Studies/Samford Online Students	\$300/semester (Fall & Spring)
University Fee (Cont Studies/Samford Online)	All Summer Continuing Studies Students	\$250/Summer
University Fellows Fee	All University Fellows Students	\$175/semester (Fall & Spring)
Micah Fellows Fee	All Micah Fellows Students	\$125/semester (Fall & Spring)
Samford Abroad Application Fee	All Samford Abroad Students	\$200 (in addition to trip cost)
Semester Samford Abroad	All Semester Samford Abroad Students	\$280 semester-long affiliate students
Greek Life Fee	All Greek Life Students	\$125/semester (Fall & Spring)
Study Abroad Trip Fee	All Study Abroad Students	varies by trip
International Student Fee (Fall/Spring)	All International Students	\$125/semester (Fall & Spring)
International Student Fee (Summer)	All International Students	\$65/term (Summer/May)
Parking Fee	All Students	\$250/semester (Fall & Spring)
Replacement Vehicle Decal	All Students	\$25/occurrence
ID Replacement	All Students	\$50/occurrence
Bank Return and Correction Fee	All Students	\$30/occurrence
Reinstatement Fee	All Students	\$100/term, as applicable
Wellness & Counseling-Missed Appointment	All Students	\$30/occurrence

NOTE: Fees are subject to change without notice. See the Samford One Stop website for the latest tuition and fee info: <http://www.samford.edu/go/onestop>

NOTE ON PAYMENT/REINSTATEMENT: Charges incurred after the statement has been generated for the semester/term are due on or before the payment due date. Charges incurred during the drop/add period are due when incurred. To avoid a registration cancellation/ reinstatement fee, students should pay all tuition and fees by the payment due date. See the Billing and Refund Schedule tables below for applicable dates.

Undergraduate Day Direct Cost of Attendance for Academic Year 2025-2026

The following tuition and fees are a comprehensive total of fall and spring costs, combined, for Undergraduate Day Students. Please note that the estimated total may vary based on other factors.

Description	Student Classification	Expense	Notes
Tuition and Fees - Undergraduate	All Undergrad Day Students	\$41,910	Fall & Spring Combined
Room* and Board	All Undergrad Day Students	\$14,260	Fall & Spring Combined
Total Cost for 2025-2026**		\$56,170	

*Based on double occupancy room in Vail or Smith Halls.

**Plus additional fees as appropriate.

NOTE: Fees are subject to change without notice. See the Samford One Stop website for the latest tuition and fee info: <http://www.samford.edu/go/onestop>

Billing Schedule for Academic Year 2025-2026

Student Classification	Year/Term	Statement Generation	Payment Due Date	Registration Cancellation
All students	2025 Fall	8/11/25	9/2/25	9/4/25
All students	2025 Fall	9/10/25	10/5/25	n/a
All students	2025 Fall	10/10/25	11/5/25	n/a
All students	2025 Fall	11/10/25	12/5/25	n/a
All students	2025 Fall	12/10/25	12/31/25	n/a
All students	2026 Spring	1/5/26	1/20/26	1/22/26
All students	2026 Spring	2/10/26	3/5/26	n/a
All students	2026 Spring	3/10/26	4/5/26	n/a
All students	2026 Spring	4/10/26	5/5/26	n/a
All students	2026 Spring	4/17/26	6/5/26	6/8/26
All students	2026 Summer	5/10/26	6/5/26	n/a
All students	2026 Summer	6/10/26	7/10/26	n/a

COMMENCEMENT NOTE: Students participating in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 commencement must clear their accounts before diplomas will be released.

NOTE 1: Payment schedule dates for all terms are subject to change.

NOTE 2: Any student with a past due balance will not be eligible to register for the next semester or obtain his/her transcript or diploma. Registration cancellation will be processed for all students with unpaid tuition, mandatory fees, room, and board (billed and unbilled) on the date in the schedule above.

Refund Schedule for Academic Year 2025-2026

Student Classification	Year/Term	Direct Deposit Refund Availability
Any student with fall start date of 8/18/25	2025 Fall	8/13/25
Any student with fall start date of 8/25/25	2025 Fall	8/20/25
Any student with a start date of 10/20/25 (Fall B Term)	2025 Fall	10/15/25
Any student with spring start date of 1/5/26	2026 Spring	1/8/26
Any student with spring start date of 1/12/26	2026 Spring	1/8/26
Any student with a start date of 3/9/26 (Spring B Term)	2026 Spring	3/4/26
Any student with summer start date of 5/4/26	2026 Summer	4/29/26
Any student with summer start date of 5/18/26	2026 Summer	5/13/26
Any student with summer start date of 5/27/26	2026 Summer	5/21/26
Any student with summer start date of 6/1/26	2026 Summer	5/27/26
Any student with summer start date of 6/20/26	2026 Summer	6/15/26
Any student with summer start date of 7/8/26	2026 Summer	7/6/26

NOTE ON REFUNDS: Refunds are available within ten (10) business days after financial aid has been credited (disbursed) to the student's account. Refunds will not be available before that time. Disbursement of aid on a student account is regulated based on the student's first day of class. The refund availability dates above are the earliest dates refunds will be available. These dates are subject to satisfactory completion/ submission of all needed information by the student. The dates are subject to change and may be adjusted to comply with federal regulations governing refunds to students.

Undergraduate Tuition and Fees Tables

Undergraduate Student (Full-Time and Part-Time) Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2025-2026

*The following tuition and fees apply to Samford Undergraduate Students.
Unless otherwise indicated, all fees are due on or before the payment due date.*

Description	Student Classification	Expense	Notes
Tuition			
Tuition Deposit	All Undergraduate Students (Day)	\$300/occurrence	Nonrefundable; Due upon acceptance
12 to 18 credits	Full-Time Undergraduate (Day)	\$20,380/semester	
Less than 12 credits	Part-Time Undergraduate (Day)	\$1,364/credit	
More than 18 credits	Full-Time Undergraduate (Day)	\$1,364/credit	
Summer & May (all credits)	All Undergraduate Students (Day)	\$1,020/credit per term	
Audit	Degree/Non-Degree Seeking Student	\$1,364/credit	
Study Abroad†	All Study Abroad Students	\$366/credit	
Continuing Studies/Samford Online Tuition	All Continuing Studies Students	\$382/credit	
Residence Hall Fees, Double Occupancy*			
Room Deposit	All Students	\$250/occurrence	Nonrefundable
West Village**	All Students	\$5,900/student/sem	
West Campus	All Students	\$4,575/student/sem	
Beeson Woods, Mountain View	All Students	\$4,250/student/sem	
Evergreen	All Students	\$3,900/student/sem	
Vail, Smith	All Students	\$3,800/student/sem	
Pittman	All Students	\$4,100/student/sem	
Gaston, Mann	All Students	\$5,400/student/sem	
Student Apartments	All Students	\$3,200/student/sem	
May Term Housing	All Students	\$850/student/term	
Summer Housing***	All Students	\$1,120/student/term	
Daniel House (Fall/Spring)	All Students	\$6,100/student/sem	
Daniel House (May Term)	All Students	\$1,650/student/sem	
Daniel House (Summer Term)	All Students	\$3,050/student/sem	
Board			
19 Meals/week + \$200 Dining Dollars	All Freshmen	\$3,330/sem (Fall & Spring)	
12 Meals/week + \$250 Dining Dollars	Transfer Students; Upperclassmen with at least 32 credits or who are in their 2nd year of residency	\$2,550/sem (Fall & Spring)	
7 Meals/week + \$300 Dining Dollars	Students who have earned at least 64 credits	\$1,730/sem (Fall & Spring)	
80 Meal Block + \$400 Dining Dollars	All Students who choose this plan	\$1,730/sem	
19 meals/week for May Term	All Students	\$620/term	
12 meals/week for May Term	All Students	\$495/term	
19 meals/week for Summer Term	All Students	\$815/term	
12 meals/week for Summer Term	All Students	\$655/term	
Daniel House (Fall/Spring)	All Students	\$2,950/per sem (Fall & Spring)	
Daniel House (May Term)	All Students	\$600/term	
Daniel House (Summer Term)	All Students	\$1,150/term	

† For more information, contact the SamfordGlobal at (205) 726-2741.

* Double rooms assigned for single occupancy are 150% of the rate for double-occupancy rooms.

** West Village is considered single occupancy with one bed per bedroom.

*** During Summer Terms, residence in university housing is limited to those students who are enrolled for at least one course at Samford University during the term of residence or to those students who are required to be in residence because of approved university activities, such as band or intercollegiate athletics, when classes are not in session. During Fall and Spring Semesters, residence is limited to full-time students.

NOTE 1: Freshman are required to live on campus and hold a 19-meals/week plan regardless of earned credit hours. Transfer students and upperclassmen who have earned at least 32 credit hours or are in the second year of residency are required to hold a 12 meals/week plan or higher. Students who have earned at least 64 credit hours or are in the third year of residency have their choice of any of the meal plans. All on-campus residents are required to purchase a meal plan. Commuters may choose to purchase any meal plan. Except for entering freshmen, students may change their meal plan selection through the end of the first week of a semester, if eligible.

NOTE 2: Fees are subject to change without notice. See the Samford One Stop website for the latest tuition and fee info: <http://www.samford.edu/go/onestop>

Undergraduate School/Program Fees for Academic Year 2025-2026

*The following fees apply to Samford Undergraduate Day Students enrolled in specific schools or programs as noted.
Unless otherwise indicated, all fees are due on or before the payment due date.*

Description	Student Classification	Expense/Notes
School of the Arts	All Students in the Departments of Art and Design, Architecture and Interior Design, and Theatre and Dance	\$265/semester (Fall & Spring)
Christian Ministry	All Students in the Department of Christian Ministry	\$90/semester (Fall & Spring)
Journalism & Mass Communication	All Students in the Journalism and Mass Communication major	\$50/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Business	All Students in the School of Business	\$150/semester (Fall & Spring)
Sports Business/Industry Program	All Students in the Sports Business/Sports Industry program	\$250/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Education	All Students in the School of Education	\$100/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Nursing	All Students in the School of Nursing	\$430/semester (Fall & Spring)
RN to BSN Online Program Fee	All Students in the RN to BSN Online Nursing program	\$814/one-time fee
School of Health Professions	All Students in the School of Health Professions	\$100/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Health Prof Minors	All Students in a School of Health Professions minor	\$50/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Public Health	All Students in the School of Public Health	\$100/semester (Fall & Spring)
School of Public Health Minors	All Students in a School of Public Health minor	\$50/semester (Fall & Spring)

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NOTE ON PAYMENT/REINSTATEMENT: Charges incurred after the statement has been generated for the semester/term are due on or before the payment due date. Charges incurred during the drop/add period are due when incurred. To avoid a registration cancellation/reinstatement fee, students should pay all tuition and fees by the payment due date. See the Billing and Refund Schedule tables above for applicable dates.

Undergraduate Course Fees for Academic Year 2025-2026

*The following fees apply to Samford Undergraduate Day Students enrolled in specific courses as noted.
Unless otherwise indicated, all fees are due on or before the payment due date.*

Description	Student Classification	Expense/Notes
Digital Learning Fee	All Students enrolled in an online/hybrid course	\$120/online/hybrid course
Music - Applied Instruction	All Students enrolled in an MUSA course; Up to 3 credits per student, per semester	\$195/credit
Biology Lab Fee	All Students enrolled in a BIOL Laboratory Course	\$150/course
Chemistry Lab Fee	All Students enrolled in a CHEM Laboratory Course	\$175/course
Physics Lab Fee	All Students enrolled in a PHYS Laboratory Course	\$150/course
Geography Fee	All Students enrolled in a GEOG Course	\$60/course
Business Bank Exec Simulation	All Students enrolled in FINC 428	\$100/course
Nutrition Food Lab	All Students enrolled in NUTR 110, NUTR 312, NUTR 414	\$150/course
Nutrigenomics	All Students enrolled in NUTR 418	\$150/course
Nutrition Senior Seminar	All Students enrolled in NUTR 499	\$150/course

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Financial Assistance

A financial assistance program has been established to aid students in attending Samford University. Federal and State financial aid—in the form of grants, loans, and on-campus job opportunities—is provided to assist students in meeting the financial responsibilities they incur at Samford. These programs are based on financial need as demonstrated by approved financial assessment instruments. In addition, the university provides scholarships based on criteria such as academic achievement, leadership skills, need, athletic ability, or field of study. Nearly all financial aid programs at Samford are administered by Student Financial Services (SFS).

Financial Assistance Guidelines, Programs, and Scholarships

Application Guidelines

Application for financial assistance begins when the student applies for admission to Samford University. All students are urged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered for all types of assistance. The FAFSA may be filed at www.studentaid.gov. An application priority date of February 15 has been established for 2025-2026, with students who meet this priority date comprising the first group of students awarded aid for the upcoming academic year. The FAFSA will be available on October 1, in the year prior to fall enrollment. The application priority processing date is July 15, 2025.

The financial assistance received may be from one source, such as the federal government, or may represent a combination of sources, such as the federal government, the state of Alabama, private donors, the university, and private lending institutions. Financial aid packages are based on the number of credits taken by a student. Some programs require that a student be enrolled full-time. Packages may be adjusted should the student not be enrolled full-time.

Federal Assistance Programs

Students may apply for the following federal programs which provide funds to qualified students. All need-based aid requires the student to file the FAFSA in order to establish eligibility.

Pell Grants

Federal Pell Grants are need-based grants that are available to eligible undergraduate students earning their first bachelor's degree. Students may receive a pro-rata portion of a full-time grant for enrollment of less than 12 hours.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to our most needy Pell Grant recipients.

Stafford Loans

Federal Stafford Loans are available to students who qualify. The application process begins with accepting the loan online through the student portal. There are two types of federal Stafford loans: subsidized and unsubsidized. Need-based Stafford loans are subsidized (interest is paid by the federal government, while in school). For unsubsidized Stafford loans, interest is charged on the loan from the time funds are disbursed to the student's account. Eligible freshmen may borrow up to \$5,500/year, sophomores \$6,500/year, and juniors and seniors \$7,500/year.

Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) are available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. Eligible parents may borrow up to the difference between the estimated cost of attendance and all other financial aid per year.

Work-Study

Federal Work-Study provides on-campus and off-campus employment to students. Work-Study awards compensate students for actual hours worked.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Federal Assistance Programs

In order to receive federal financial aid, a student must be making satisfactory academic progress (SAP), as defined below.

Eligibility for federal financial aid will be evaluated at the end of each academic year. In the evaluation process, all grades of W (Withdrawn) and INC (Incomplete) will be counted as credits attempted but not passed. Repeated courses will be counted as attempted.

Students cannot receive aid after they have attempted 150% of the credits required for completion of their academic program. Accepted transfer credits will be used to reduce that time frame. A student also becomes ineligible for aid if/when it becomes mathematically impossible for him/her to complete the program within the 150% timeframe.

SAP Measurements/SAP Standards

Qualitative—Students must be accepted for admission and be eligible to enroll in classes. In addition, students must achieve and maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA on all Samford University and transfer coursework.

Quantitative—Students must average passing 67% of all credits attempted and applied to their current program. Both Samford and transfer attempts are included in the 67% calculation.

Appeals

Students who are notified of their inability to meet the SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) standards will be offered the opportunity to appeal the decision. A successful appeal will be based on whether or not a student's performance was affected by personal injury or illness and/or death of an immediate family member or relative. Immediate family member is defined as mother, father, sibling, spouse, child, and grandparent. Also, a successful appeal will outline what has changed in the student's situation that will allow for him or her to be successful, academically, in subsequent terms.

State Assistance Programs

Alabama Student Assistance Grants

Alabama Student Assistance Grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis to our most needy Alabama resident Pell Grant recipients.

Alabama Student Grants

Alabama Student Grants are available through a state entitlement program for undergraduate Alabama residents attending accredited private postsecondary institutions in Alabama. Need is not a factor, and grants (subject to annual variations in funding) are available to non-church vocation majors. The application may be found on the Samford One Stop website: www.samford.edu/go/onestop.

Scholarships

The university provides numerous opportunities for earning scholarships. The Office of Admission is responsible for awarding the bulk of Samford scholarships as students enter as freshmen or transfers. For a listing of current scholarships awarded through the Admissions process by the Admissions Office, or in conjunction with that office, please see www.samford.edu/admission/scholarships. Scholarship maintenance and renewal requirements are found here and in the online student portal.

Upperclassmen may receive some scholarship funding from their academic programs of study. Academic departments should be contacted directly to determine scholarship availability. Student Financial Services does not award any merit-based scholarships.

Samford competes at the Division I level of NCAA athletics. Athletic scholarships are awarded through the Department of Athletics. Please contact the team in which you have an interest to obtain additional information concerning the recruitment process and availability of athletic scholarships.

Certain restrictions may apply to the payment of campus housing costs with university-funded aid. Specifically, full-ride scholarships will not cover the full cost of living in the West Village. The maximum amount a full ride scholarship will cover is equal to the double occupancy rate of the next highest housing option below the West Village.

Any student receiving Samford funded scholarships and grants at a minimum must, on an annual basis, remain in good academic standing with the university as defined by the University Catalog. Some scholarships and grants provided by academic schools or programs as well as other Samford entities and programs may require a higher cumulative Samford GPA than what is needed to maintain good academic standing. Those variances are communicated with students through official communication channels. Students are allotted one semester of grace upon being placed on academic warning. A student who enters their grace period will maintain the scholarship during the grace period. If the student has not been returned to good academic standing by the end of the grace period, the scholarship(s) and/or grant(s) will be forfeited and will not be awarded to the student in future terms.

Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits

There are numerous benefits designed to help veterans and/or their dependents pursue educational goals. Samford University is approved by the Alabama State Approving Agency (SAA) to offer educational benefits (GI Bill®) to eligible individuals enrolled in approved programs. The VA requires that each time a student attempts a course, the grade must be included in the cumulative grade point average. Samford University will comply with in-state tuition for Veterans as it applies to federal regulations.

No matter which type of VA benefit you plan to use, you will need to first apply for VA Benefits at www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/. Four to six weeks are required by the VA for processing. After confirming benefit eligibility with the VA, contact the School Certifying Official or a VA Point of Contact in the Samford One Stop Office.

VA Benefits

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

For service members with honorable services on or after 9/10/2001, this chapter provides up to 36 months of educational benefits. This benefit is typically available for up to 15 years following release from active duty. Payment rates are based on the amount of service completed after 9/10/2001 and range from 50% to 100% of tuition and eligible fees up to an annual cap. Learn more at www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/.

Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits to Dependents (Chapter 33 TOE)

For dependents of Chapter 33 eligible service members, an eligible service member may transfer his or her unused Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits to a spouse or dependent. Learn more about transferring benefits at www.va.gov/education/transfer-post-9-11-gi-bill-benefits/.

Fry Scholarship

The Fry Scholarship expands the availability of Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of service members who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Learn more at www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/.

Monthly Housing Allowance and Book Stipend

A monthly housing allowance (MHA) is generally the same as the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents and is based on the zip code of the campus or training location where students physically attend most of their courses. Additionally, an annual book stipend of \$1,000 is paid proportionately based on enrollment. These funds are sent directly to the student. View the current rates here: <https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/>

Yellow Ribbon Program

Samford University is a proud participant in the Yellow Ribbon Program. You must qualify for the maximum benefit rate under the Post 9/11 GI bill in order to receive Yellow Ribbon. Yellow Ribbon funds can help pay eligible tuition and fees once a student has reached the annual maximum dollar limit set by the VA. Learn more here: www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/.

Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35-DEA)

The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits to the dependents or spouse of a veteran or service member who has died, been captured, is missing, or is permanently and totally disabled. If you are a child, you generally must use your benefits between the ages of 18 and 26. If you are the spouse, your benefits end 10 years from the date the VA finds you eligible or from the date of the death of your spouse. Learn more at www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/.

Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

Basic eligibility requires a 6-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve and satisfactory participation in required Selected Reserve training. Chapter 1606 benefits are paid monthly directly to the reservist. Recipients must verify school attendance with VA the last day of every month at www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do or by calling 877-823-2378.

Veteran Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31-VR&E)

Veterans and service members may be eligible for opportunities and services offered through Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E), formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. A VR Counselor must first determine if a veteran has an employment handicap based upon the results of the comprehensive evaluation. Entitlement to services is established if a veteran has a 20% service-connected disability and an employment handicap. If the disability is 10% service-connected, then a serious employment handicap must be found to establish entitlement to vocational rehabilitation services. Learn more at www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp.

Using VA Benefits

If using Chapter 33, VA will only pay Samford for tuition and required fees (such as University Fee and required program or course fees). Nonmandatory fees such as housing, meal plans, or parking decals may not be included for VA payment. However, the VA will pay a housing stipend directly to the student which can be used to defray the Samford bill for housing and meals. If a student is receiving any outside scholarship, for example, from a foundation or company's scholarship program, Samford will deduct the scholarship amount from the tuition and fees reported to the VA, unless the scholarship donor has stated the funds can be used for educational expenses other than tuition and fees. Samford scholarships are not tuition restricted. However, students receiving the Samford EBT or tuition exchange, which are tuition restricted funds, may have their VA benefits calculated on net tuition. Students must be registered for classes and have a bill generated for CH33 benefits to be certified.

While VA payments are usually received regularly, Chapter 33 students are advised NOT to depend upon VA Housing Payments for the payment of rent or other vital expenses.

Chapters 35 and 1606 will pay a monthly stipend to the student, not to the university. This stipend is intended to help defray educational costs and can be used by the student toward Samford charges or other educational costs incurred by the student, such as housing, books, or travel.

For all benefits, any changes to a student's enrollment, such as dropping or adding a course, or withdrawing from the university must be reported to the VA. Contact the Samford VA office by emailing veterans@samford.edu to advise of any potential enrollment changes.

What We'll Need from You:

Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

Letter from the VA that shows what benefit you're eligible to use and the number of months and days of eligibility you have remaining. For Post 9/11 GI Bill recipients, this letter will show the percentage of tuition and fees the VA will pay and if the student is eligible for Yellow Ribbon Program.

Request for VA Certification Form

This form must be completed for a student to be certified by Samford's certifying official. The form may be completed online and accessed through the Veterans' Benefits page: www.samford.edu/departments/financial-services/veterans.

Military Transcripts

Any service member or veteran utilizing benefits for him/herself must send military transcripts to Samford in order to use VA benefits. Transcripts should be sent as part of the admission process to be reviewed for credits. These can be requested at <https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/public/welcome> for Air Force or <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/> for all other branches.

State Benefits

Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship Program (ALGIDSP)

Dependents of disabled veterans who are Alabama residents may qualify for this program administered by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs. Basic information is provided below, but additional information regarding veteran status and military service, disability rating, residency, age deadline, and entitlement can be found at <https://va.alabama.gov/dependents-scholarship/>.

Interested students can apply through the ALGIDSP Portal: <https://adva.caseapp.tylerfedapp.com/>. After applying, if the veteran and dependent meet the requirements to qualify, then a Certificate of Entitlement will be sent to the school and the student.

Student Requirements: The student must also meet all the following requirements to receive the scholarship:

- Must be a current resident of the state of Alabama at the time of application; and
- Must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for each year that they are utilizing the ALGIDSP; and
- Must comply with Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by their education institution; and
- Must complete a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) release form for each educational institution that they attend to authorize the release of personally identifiable information required to determine continued eligibility and as required for necessary reporting.

Student Entitlement: After all other scholarships and grants are applied to required education expenses, tuition will be billed to the program up to the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Cap (currently \$250 per semester hour). Required textbooks and instructional fees will be billed to the program up to \$1000 per student.

Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program (ANGEAP)

Members of Army Guard or Air Guard units in Alabama may apply for this program who are enrolled in a degree program at an accredited postsecondary institution of higher learning located within the State of Alabama. The State disburses ANGEAP funds at the end of each semester or term. To be eligible for ANGEAP the student must:

1. Be 17 years of age or over.
2. Be an active member in good standing with the Alabama National Guard.
3. Be an active member of a federally recognized unit of the Alabama National Guard.
4. Have completed basic training.
5. Be in pursuit of first undergraduate degree (students pursuing a first graduate degree may also apply, but only 10% of the grant funds appropriated each year is available at the graduate level).
6. Be enrolled in a degree program at an accredited college or university in Alabama.
7. Keep a cumulative 2.00 GPA (Undergrad); 3.00 GPA (Grad) at the end of each semester.
8. Have the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file.
9. Demonstrate financial need of at least \$100.

What we'll need from you:

ANGEAP Application Form

This form is available at <https://www.ache.edu/>. Please fill out the student section of the form, sign, and return to Samford One Stop. You may also email the completed form to veterans@samford.edu. Applications are due October 1st for Fall, February 21st for Spring, and June 1st for Summer.

Complaint Policy

For VA education beneficiaries, any complaint against the school should be routed through the VA GI Bill Feedback System: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/>. VA will then follow up through the appropriate channels to investigate the complaint and resolve it satisfactorily.

Policy for the Awarding of Samford Funded Merit- and Need-Based Scholarships and Grants

All Samford students, including those receiving benefits through US Veterans Affairs or the US Department of Defense, are eligible for consideration to receive any Samford funded scholarships or grants, so long as application deadlines are met, and awarding criteria are satisfied.

The university provides numerous opportunities for earning scholarships. The Office of Admission is responsible for awarding the bulk of Samford scholarships as students enter as freshmen or transfers. For a listing of current scholarships awarded through the Admissions process by the Admissions Office, or in conjunction with that office, please see www.samford.edu/admission/scholarships. Scholarship maintenance and renewal requirements are found here and in the online student portal.

Billing Compliance

Samford University does not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to the institution due to the delayed disbursement funding from VA under chapter 31 or 33.

Samford University does require a Certificate of Eligibility to process enrollment certifications and a written request to use such entitlements.

For more information on Veterans Affairs Education Benefits, see the following URL: www.samford.edu/departments/financial-services/veterans.

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University-Wide Academic Opportunities

Academic Success Center

Administration

Bridget C. Rose, Director

Angela D. Ferguson, Associate Director of Student Support; English for Academic Purposes Program Manager

Kristin H. Newberry, Assistant Director, Pre-Health Certification Advisor

The mission of the Academic Success Center (ASC) is to facilitate students' successful transition through Samford University by identifying and providing academic resources in a highly collaborative and student-centered manner.

The director works with Admissions, the schools, Career Development, and the Office of Accessibility and Accommodations to provide academic assistance as needed. First-year students, both entering freshmen and transfer students, are encouraged to take advantage of the Center's services.

Academic Support

The ASC assists students in locating campus resources that promote academic success. Interested students can schedule an appointment to discuss their individual situation and needs. The ASC provides additional support and resources to students whose first language is not English, first-generation students, conditionally admitted students, at-risk students, or students placed on academic warning.

Tutoring is available in several general education courses through a partnership between the ASC and various departments. The ASC also maintains a list of private tutors in various subjects. For current tutoring schedules, please visit the website at www.samford.edu/go/asc.

The ASC also works with faculty and professional advisors to support the advising process. First-year students and transfer students, in particular, can receive assistance in changing or declaring majors. Students planning to enter careers in healthcare and related fields can work with the pre-health certification advisor to ensure they meet entrance requirements for medical and other professional schools.

Contact Info: Academic Success Center

203 Dwight Beeson Hall

(205) 726-2698

success@samford.edu

www.samford.edu/go/asc

Courses

FOUN 101, 102, 201, 210

Accessibility and Accommodations Office

Administration

Bridget C. Rose, Director

Alyssa Snyder, Associate Director of Academic Success and Accessibility and Accommodations

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Office of Accessibility and Accommodations (OAA) works to ensure that all aspects of a Samford education and campus life are accessible for students with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Applicants and students with disabilities or chronic health conditions that impact their access to programs, activities, or services are encouraged to learn more about accommodations and the process for registering with the OAA by visiting their website: www.samford.edu/dr.

Students who wish to request accommodations may submit an accommodation request form online or contact OAA for assistance. Email is the preferred method of communication for general inquiries, but phone calls or virtual/in-person appointments may be scheduled. OAA also hosts drop-in hours for students weekly. That schedule is posted each semester.

Contact Info: Office of Accessibility and Accommodations

203 Dwight Beeson Hall

(205) 726-4078

access@samford.edu

www.samford.edu/dr

Inter-Campus Exchange Program - Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE)

Samford University cooperates with the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Miles College, and the University of Montevallo in a student exchange program known as the Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE). The program is designed to expand the undergraduate educational opportunities for students at these institutions. This arrangement affords full-time Samford day students the opportunity to enroll in a course at another institution. Through collaboration, consortium members are able to expand education opportunities in critical areas, such as environmental studies and foreign languages.

Credit for work taken at UAB, Miles, or Montevallo while a student is enrolled for courses during fall or spring semesters at Samford University will be recorded as if earned at Samford University and will be treated as quality credits, not transfer credits. Students who propose to take courses at UAB, Miles, or Montevallo must obtain approval from the appropriate academic dean and the Office of the Registrar. A student may take only one course in the BACHE program per semester. Registration for this course will be a part of the regular Samford University registration procedure, and students will pay tuition for this course at Samford in the usual manner.

Credit for work taken at UAB, Miles, or Montevallo during Samford University's summer terms may be recorded either as exchange credit or as transient credit. Registration for transient credit will be a part of the regular UAB, Miles, or Montevallo registration processes, and students will pay tuition for these courses at either UAB, Miles, or Montevallo. A Transient Application Form must be completed prior to enrollment. These application forms are available in the Office of the Registrar.

Students receiving Veterans Benefits are not eligible to participate in the BACHE Exchange Program.

Contact Info: Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education (BACHE)
<https://www.uab.edu/bache/>

At Samford: Office of the Registrar
(205) 726-2911

Libraries

Samford offers a wealth of library resources featuring extensive print and online collections, as well as multimedia resources that include microfilm, music scores, and audio and video recordings. The online catalog and other electronic resources are available to students 24/7 at <https://library.samford.edu/>. Other libraries in the Birmingham area cooperate with Samford on a reciprocal basis, increasing the variety of resources directly available to the Samford community.

Samford University Library

Administration

Kimmetha D. Herndon, Dean, University Library
Lori A. Northrup, Associate Dean, University Library

The Samford University Library is the primary library for all students, faculty, and staff. In addition to books, e-books, periodicals, unique collections, and electronic resources, the library houses a government documents collection—serving as a partial official repository. The Special Collection houses outstanding research materials with particular strengths in Alabama history, Baptist records, and Samford University Archives. Individualized and group instruction in the discovery and use of library resources is provided on a regular basis by librarians.

A computer laboratory, computer classroom, individual and group study rooms, multimedia viewing and listening rooms, meeting rooms with advanced presentation capabilities, and a patron-lounge area are available for patron use. The Alfa Presentation Practice Room on the Library's second floor allows students to practice and record presentations individually or as a group.

Einstein Bros Bagels, on the library's first floor, offers the perfect spot for refreshment, studying, and meeting with friends and classmates.

The University Library is home to the Marla Haas Corts Missionary Biography Collection, the Alabama Men's Hall of Fame, the C.S. Lewis Collection, and the Hellenic Scholars' Library.

Contact Info: Samford University Library
(205) 726-2748
library@samford.edu
<https://library.samford.edu/>

Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library

The Lucille Stewart Beeson Law Library provides extensive legal research and study materials for the Cumberland School of Law and the rest of the Samford community. The library contains 13 conference rooms, 474 study spaces, large carrels with electrical and data connections, and more than 30 computers. Online access to current legal information is provided through computer-assisted legal research systems. The law library collection contains more than 162,000 print book volumes and more than 132,000 digital book volumes, either owned or available through subscription, more than 4100 print serials and more than 7700 digital serials, either owned or available through subscription, and more than 126,000 volumes equivalent in microfiche.

Website: <https://www.samford.edu/cumberlandlaw/library/>

Education Learning Commons

The Education Learning Commons is located on the third floor of the Orlean Beeson School of Education. Its primary function is to provide current resources, media, and services to the School of Education students, faculty, and staff as they design and utilize instructional materials for the P-12 classroom. Resources include an Education Library, a Make-and-Take Lab for the creation of curriculum materials, and an Instructional Technology Lab, which consists of computers and instructional software to facilitate learning in the field of education. The center is staffed to provide technical services and assistance to teacher education students as required by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

Website: <https://www.samford.edu/education/curriculum-materials-and-technology-center>

Global Center

The Global Center, located in the Beeson School of Divinity, features interactive resources that include world population and demographic databases as well as foreign language news broadcasts that assist students as they prepare for service throughout the world.

Website: www.samford.edu/beeson-divinity/global-center/

Pre-Health Professions Advising

Administration

Kristin H. Newberry, Pre-Health Advising, Academic Success Center

Advising Areas

All pre-health areas such as, but not limited to:

Pre-Dentistry	Pre-Athletic Training	Pre-Physical Therapy
Pre-Medicine	Pre-Audiology	Pre-Physician Assistant
Pre-Optometry	Pre-Chiropractic	Pre-Podiatry
Pre-Veterinary	Pre-Occupational Therapy	Pre-Speech Language Pathology

Samford's pre-health advisor serves as supplemental advisor to a student's primary advisor. The pre-health advisor mentors and guides students looking to pursue a career that requires them to attend a graduate health profession program. The pre-health advisor will work with students interested in pursuing a career in a health profession by discussing the different requirements needed by those programs as well as how to become a well-rounded, competitive applicant to their respective program.

The quality of pre-professional training for the health sciences is important in establishing a firm base for the professional school curriculum and providing an intensive cultural background for a full and satisfying life. The health-oriented professional schools, consequently, urge students to get as broad a general education as possible at the undergraduate level. The liberal arts university continues to be the overwhelming preference of the professional schools for the preparation of students for careers in health professions. Samford University has a long tradition of preparing students for careers as physicians, dentists, optometrists, and veterinarians; alumni serve with distinction in every area of health care.

It should be noted that the professional schools have no preferred major; science majors have no advantage over humanities majors in gaining admission to professional schools. Therefore, students are encouraged to pursue a degree in an area they prefer and might use in the future if their career plans change. However, certain minimum math and science requirements must be completed to be competitive in the professional school selection process. Additional advanced science courses will improve students' competitive edge and readiness for graduate study.

Entrance requirements vary among professional schools, but the basic required science courses are similar. While making progress toward completing the general education curriculum (including the University core) and major requirements, students also must take additional prerequisite courses dependent on their desired field. The pre-health advisor can assist students with identifying which courses fulfill the minimum prerequisites for their desired program as well as which courses will help them stand out to admissions committees and be successful in their desired graduate program.

These minimal courses should be completed during the first three years of study in order to be prepared for professional school admission tests, such as the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), the Dental Admission Test (DAT), the Optometry Admission Test (OAT), or the Graduate Records Examinations (GRE).

The pre-health advisor works with students at all stages of their undergraduate career, aids in course selection, professional school preparation, and the application process. The pre-health advisor is also in regular contact with regional professional schools and their admissions directors. Students are strongly advised to contact the pre-health advisor early in their academic career and regularly update the advisor on their progress and plans. This frequent contact is crucial to ensure the student is staying on track to be a competitive applicant to graduate school. Also, this contact ensures that the student does not miss opportunities such as internship announcements, the committee letter process, or other unique opportunities for pre-health students on campus. There are many health professions-related activities throughout each academic year, including visits by professional school admission personnel and practicing health care professionals, and students are encouraged to make the most of these opportunities. Contact the pre-health advisor for more information and to identify yourself as a pre-health student.

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<https://www.samford.edu/departments/academic-success-center/prehealth-resources>

Pre-Law Advising

Administration

Taylor W. Cyr, Pre-Law Advisor; Assistant Professor, Classics and Philosophy

Advising

Samford provides a range of services to support students interested in attending law school. For first-year students who have not declared a major, the pre-law advisor serves as the student's primary advisor, helping freshmen to discern the major that best meets their interests and prepares them for a legal education. Once students have selected a major, the pre-law advisor serves as a mentor, arranging professional development opportunities and guiding pre-law students through their curricular and extra-curricular choices.

A key component of the mentoring experience is a special pre-law section of FOUN 102 (Law) Vocation Exploration: Law taught by the pre-law advisor every spring. This one-credit course is targeted for second-semester juniors who are planning to apply to law school in their senior year. In addition to covering important material regarding application procedures and preparing for the LSAT, the course helps students to write a personal statement, perfect a résumé, request letters of recommendation, and explore financial aid for law schools.

Samford and Cumberland School of Law have created an accelerated law degree program which permits eligible Samford students to complete their undergraduate and law school degree in six years instead of the traditional seven. This accelerated 3-3 program is limited to students in particular undergraduate majors, and eligible students interested in the 3-3 Law Degree Program should work closely with their major advisor and the pre-law advisor to ensure they are taking the proper courses to prepare them for this accelerated program.

Acceptance into this program will be determined by the law school based on the same criteria used to evaluate all law school applicants. After successful completion of the first year of classes at Cumberland, the student will be awarded a bachelor's degree in his/her undergraduate major.

Contact Info: Pre-Law Advising

<https://www.samford.edu/programs/undergraduate/prelaw>

Recommended Course of Study

Samford follows the recommendation of the American Bar Association and encourages students to choose a rigorous undergraduate major supplemented by courses that develop the core skills and values needed to prepare for a sound legal education. To that end, the university does not recommend any particular major for its pre-law students; instead, we focus on skill development, practical experience, and vocational discernment.

Regardless of major, students should strive to develop the following ABA-recommended core skills and values:

- Analytic/Problem-Solving Skills
- Critical Reading
- Writing Skills
- Oral Communication/Listening Abilities
- General Research Skills
- Task Organization/Management Skills
- Public Service and Promotion of Justice

In addition to these fundamental skills and values, all pre-law students should take courses that develop the following subject competencies recommended by the ABA:

- A broad understanding of history, including the various factors (social, political, economic, and cultural) that have influenced the development of our society.
- A fundamental understanding of political thought and of the contemporary American political system.
- Some basic mathematical and financial skills, such as an understanding of basic pre-calculus mathematics and an ability to analyze financial data.
- A basic understanding of human behavior and social interaction.
- An understanding of diverse cultures within and beyond the United States, of international institutions and issues, of world events, and of the increasing interdependence of the nations and communities within our world.

Mock Trial

As a member of the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA), the Samford Mock Trial Team competes in national and regional trial simulations with teams from other universities. Mock trial gives students the opportunity to develop critical thinking and public speaking skills, as well as knowledge of legal practices and procedures. Competitors develop valuable legal skills, such as constructing opening and closing arguments, employing rules of evidence, and preparing witnesses for direct and cross examinations. The Cumberland School of

Law is home to one of the nation's premiere Trial Advocacy programs, and the pre-law Mock Trial Team, which is coached by two mock trial veterans who are practicing attorneys, seeks to uphold this tradition of excellence.

Samford Pre-Law Society

The Samford Pre-Law Society meets regularly to sponsor speakers, interviews, and information sessions on topics of interest to pre-law students. The society is an official campus organization governed by students with an advisory board of faculty and staff members who have expertise in helping students apply to law school. Any Samford student is eligible to join and to participate in its meetings.

Pre-Law Courses

Students seeking to learn trial advocacy skills may enroll in the following class: PLAW 100 - Mock Trial (1)

Students preparing to apply to law school may enroll in the following class: FOUN 102 (Law) Vocation Exploration: Law

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Air Force ROTC

Administration

Lt. Col. Joseph A. Johnson, Commander, Professor, Aerospace Studies

Faculty

Capt. Carson L. Kennedy, Assistant Professor, Aerospace Studies

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Minor

Aerospace Studies Minor

Programs

General Military Course (GMC)

Professional Officer Course (POC)

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Program is offered at Samford University and to students at cross-town schools in the Birmingham area including Miles College, University of Montevallo, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), and Jefferson State Community College. Students enrolling in the AFROTC program will attend classes at Samford. Call the Detachment for course offering details. Students will need the class and lab schedule from the Detachment to help avoid scheduling conflicts (205) 726-2859.

The AFROTC program provides college men and women the opportunity to earn a commission as an officer in the United States Air Force or Space Force upon graduation from college. The program is divided into the General Military Course (GMC) and the Professional Officer Course (POC). The GMC includes the freshman-level and sophomore-level courses and is open to all students without military obligation. The POC includes the junior-level and senior-level courses for those committed to service on active duty. Uniforms and textbooks for all aerospace studies courses are provided at no charge.

Contact Info: Recruiting Flight Commander, Detachment 012, Air Force ROTC

(205) 726-2859

AFROTC@samford.edu

<https://www.samford.edu/departments/air-force-rotc/>

Scholarship Programs

Some freshmen enter AFROTC with a four-year college scholarship. Interested high school students should apply online at www.afrotc.com. Applications are due by December 1 of their senior year in high school.

Most freshmen and sophomores enter AFROTC without a scholarship. Once in the AFROTC program, these students may apply for in-college scholarships. For additional information, contact the AFROTC office at Samford University, (205) 726-2859.

Freshmen and sophomores are able to compete for two-year and three-year scholarships through the In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP) that provides funds for tuition, books, and a monthly tax-free stipend. Air Force scholarships cannot be used to pay for room and board.

Leadership Laboratory (LLab)

Leadership Laboratory is an integral part of the AFROTC Program. Each academic class has an associated leadership laboratory that meets for two hours each week. It provides an opportunity for students to apply classroom teachings in a military training environment.

Instruction is conducted within the framework of an organized cadet corps with a progression of experiences designed to develop leadership skills. Leadership Laboratory involves a study of the life and work of Air Force and Space Force junior officers. Students develop their leadership potential in a practical, supervised laboratory.

The first two years of Leadership Laboratory involve activities classified as initial leadership experiences. This includes studying Air Force and Space Force customs, courtesies, drills, and ceremonies; giving military commands; instructing, correcting, and evaluating the preceding skills; studying the environment of an Air or Space Force base; and learning about career opportunities available to commissioned officers.

The last two years of LLab consist of activities classified as advanced leadership experiences. They involve planning, organizing, coordinating, directing, and controlling the military activities of the cadet corps; preparing and presenting briefings and other oral and

written communications; providing interviews, guidance, and information to increase the understanding, motivation, and performance of other cadets.

Field Training

All cadets pursuing a commission through the AFROTC program must complete Field Training. It is typically offered during the summer months at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and normally occurs between the sophomore and junior years. It is an intense training environment designed to orient students toward service in the United States Air or Space Force. The major areas of study include officership training, aircraft and aircrew orientation, career orientation, survival training, Air Force environment, and physical training.

Air Force ROTC Courses

Classes conducted at Samford University, unless otherwise indicated. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

Army ROTC

The Army ROTC office is located on the host campus of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) building 828 8th Court South, Birmingham, AL 35205. Under the partnership agreement, Samford University students are eligible to participate. Any freshman or sophomore can take the Military Science (MS) 100 and 200-level courses, but only those who contract with the Army to commission upon graduation are eligible to register for MS 300 and 400-level courses. Group Physical Fitness sessions are a requirement for all MS course levels and are conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 0600-0700 at UAB. Military Science courses occur every Tuesday and Thursday from 1400-1515 with a leadership event happening on Thursday from 1530-1645. Course credits are granted on a semester credit/hour basis. Registration for the classes should be coordinated through the student's advisor. For more information, please visit <https://www.uab.edu/armyrotc/> or contact Daryl Long (Recruiting Operations Officer) at longd@uab.edu or (205) 934-8749.

Aerospace Studies Minor

Students should also take the Leadership Lab that goes with each course.

Aerospace Studies Minor: 18 Credits

- AERO 101 - Heritage and Values I (1) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 102 - Heritage and Values II (1) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 201 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals I (1) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 202 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals II (1) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 300 - Field Training (2)
- AERO 301 - Leading People and Effective Communication I (3) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 302 - Leading People and Effective Communication II (3) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 401 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation I (3) plus Leadership Lab
- AERO 402 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation II (3) plus Leadership Lab

Total Required Credits: 18

General Military Course (GMC)

These courses are open to all students regardless of qualifications for military service or intent to compete for commission. As part of the GMC, students examine the basic organization and structure of the Air Force and Space Force, appreciate the historical significance of air power, and apply basic communications skills. Each course is one semester hour credit.

Aerospace Studies: 4 Credits

- AERO 101 - Heritage and Values I (1)
- AERO 102 - Heritage and Values II (1)
- AERO 201 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals I (1)
- AERO 202 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals II (1)

Total Required Credits: 4

Professional Officer Course (POC)

Students who complete the GMC and desire to serve on active duty in the Air Force or Space Force continue training in the POC. The POC is designed to provide students with advanced leadership training, a background in military history with particular attention paid to the role of air and space power, and a complete understanding of the national security process. The POC will prepare men and women with the skills necessary to be a leader in the United States Air or Space Force.

Aerospace Studies: 12 Credits

- AERO 301 - Leading People and Effective Communication I (3)
- AERO 302 - Leading People and Effective Communication II (3)
- AERO 401 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation I (3)
- AERO 402 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation II (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

Administration

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Thomas I. J. Crosby, Director, U.K. Programmes and Operations
Joanna Burkhart, Associate Director, U.K. Programmes and Operations
Jill P. Fisse, Part-time Logistics Coordinator

Samford offers opportunities to take courses abroad that develop and expand students' personal, academic, and professional goals. Samford seeks to engage students and faculty with the peoples and cultures of other countries; to provide on-site observation of historical, scientific, and cultural phenomena; and to provide opportunities for foreign language study within the cultural context of the target languages.

Samford Abroad

Samford Abroad Offers a variety of programs each term. Students can apply for short-term faculty-led programs, affiliate/exchange programs, and/or Samford's signature study abroad experience, the Samford in London semester program at the Daniel House. For current program offerings, please visit <http://abroad.samford.edu>.

The Daniel House

As part of its commitment to internationalization, Samford University provides a special opportunity for students and faculty to live and study in one of the most cosmopolitan and culturally rich cities of the world—London. Daniel House, Samford's London Study Centre, serves as home and classroom to students and faculty throughout the year in a variety of academic programs. The House underwent a major renovation in 2018-2019 to improve accommodations, student learning spaces, and resident manager and faculty facilities.

Daniel House is located in the heart of London near Kensington Gardens, the Victoria and Albert Museum, the Museum of Natural History, and the former residences of Winston Churchill, T.S. Eliot, Alfred Hitchcock, and John Lennon. Over 130 years old, the Victorian townhouse serves as the setting for a semester abroad program during fall and spring semesters for students and professors-in-residence from the Birmingham campus. In addition to courses taught by the Samford professors in their fields, British professors present courses that focus on British theatre, history, culture, and life. Students may also participate in experiential learning to complete their course of study.

During May Term, the Daniel House is the base for Samford faculty and students involved in accelerated, specialized courses that take advantage of the London setting. These sessions offer a variety of courses focusing on subjects such as arts appreciation, English literature, the British health care system, the theology and history of the English Reformation, London as a world financial center, international public health, and much more.

During the Samford in London semester abroad, students live, work, and study like Londoners. While residing at the Daniel House, students will participate in an internship related to their field of study for six credit hours. Additionally, they will enroll in at least one course taught by the faculty-in-residence and one course taught by a British professor. Students must enroll in 12 to 18 credit hours.

The faculty-in-residence for the semester and summer program in London rotates among the various Samford colleges. Because the application process is competitive, students are encouraged to speak with their advisor early to determine when their college is represented and when it will be the best time to study abroad within their degree program.

Courses in London vary each term. For more information on the courses or programs based at the Daniel House, please contact SamfordGlobal in Brooks Hall 221, phone (205) 726-2741, or online at <http://www.samford.edu/global-engagement/>.

Eligibility

Samford University students must meet eligibility requirements to study abroad. The applicant must have a minimum 2.50 GPA, must not be on academic or disciplinary probation, and must have sophomore standing or above at the time of participation. All student applications for Samford Abroad programs are reviewed and approved by Samford Student Affairs. Students must have met all prerequisites or requirements for all classes in which they enroll. A student must maintain these standards prior to departure and throughout the term and must abide by participation rules; failure to do so will result in dismissal from the program and return home at the expense of the student.

Cost and Activities

See the Financial Information, Undergraduate Tuition and Fees section for information on study abroad costs. Please note that fees vary by program. For additional information, contact SamfordGlobal or Samford Abroad for exact amounts, payment due dates, and/or cancellation and refund policies at (205) 726-2741. See also the Samford One Stop website for the latest tuition and fee info: <http://www.samford.edu/admission/tuition-and-fees/>. Please visit <http://abroad.samford.edu> for specific program cost information.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Cancellation/withdrawal and refund policies for study abroad programs are different from the policies for on-campus programs. Before registration in any study abroad program, please review the withdrawal and refund policy associated with the program application.

International Students and Scholars Services

SamfordGlobal provides immigration advisory services and assistance for the community of non-immigrant students, scholars, and employees that the university sponsors. SamfordGlobal is the primary office responsible for the university's compliance with the U.S. federal immigration regulations.

Contact Info: SamfordGlobal
Brooks Hall 221
(205) 726-2741
geo@samford.edu
<http://www.samford.edu/global-engagement>

International/Semester Abroad Courses

Because of the nature of the program and the small number of participants in a semester, course offerings are limited. It is recommended that students contact SamfordGlobal early in their academic career to plan for a semester abroad. Please note that INTL 200, 201, and 202 are not always available.

INTL 200, 201, 202, 330, 345, 360, 399, 430

Bridging London (361) is available under the following disciplines: CLAS, POLS, SOCI

Other courses vary. Current information is available from SamfordGlobal.

University Fellows Program

Administration/Faculty

Todd C. Krulak, Director; Visiting Assistant Professor, History

Amy B. Green, Associate Director, Lecturer

Christopher Metress, University Professor, English

Shannon R. Flynt, Coordinator, Italy Study Abroad; Assistant Professor, Classics and Philosophy

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Core/General Education Requirements

University Fellows Program

Interdisciplinary Minor

Western Intellectual Tradition Interdisciplinary Minor

The University Fellows Program is limited to 45 students per year. Applicants must have a minimum ACT score of 28 or SAT-I score of 1310. However, successful applicants typically have a minimum ACT score of 30 or SAT-I score of 1340. Preference is given to applicants who have completed rigorous coursework in high school, such as Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs, as well as students who have distinguished themselves through extracurricular academic experiences. In addition to its innovative liberal arts curriculum, the University Fellows Program offers undergraduate research support and international study opportunities and provides ambitious students a chance to develop close working relationships with distinguished faculty.

All students in the University Fellows Program will complete the University Fellows Core Curriculum (38 hours). Additional courses in general education are also required to provide the foundation for more specialized courses in the major. In some cases, the particular course required to satisfy a general education distribution requirement is specified in the major. Students should consult the section of the catalog that describes the major under consideration to learn more about these special requirements.

To progress through and to graduate from the University Fellows Program, students should have a minimum 3.00 GPA in Samford coursework and overall. In addition, University Fellows are required to support the program at recruiting events, discussion series, and community activities. They are expected to represent the program well within the Samford community and to hold themselves to high standards of integrity in their academic and social endeavors. Students receive additional guidelines in the official University Fellows admission letter.

All University Fellows must begin the program in the fall semester of their freshman year.

For more information, see the University Fellows website: <https://www.samford.edu/university-fellows/>.

University Fellows Program

General Education - University Fellows Core Curriculum: 38 Credits*

- UFWT 101 - Western Intellectual Tradition I: The Heritage of Greece and Rome (4)
- UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4)
- UFWT 201 - Western Intellectual Tradition III: Reformation, Revolution, and Enlightenment (4)
- UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4)
- UFVI 101 - The Virtues (2)
- UFVI 102 - Moral Responsibility in a Diverse World (2)

- UFSI 201 - Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices (4)
- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) **

General Education - Distribution Requirements: credits vary†
(see General Education Requirements and major table for specific requirements)

Major Requirements: credits vary
(see major table for requirements)

General Electives: credits vary
(see major table for requirements)

Total Required Credits: 128

*Core curriculum requirements cannot be met through transient enrollment except in certain cases. See the University Fellows director for more information. **All University Fellows must complete MATH 240, but certain programs may require additional math credits. See specific major/degree table for details. ***Fellows should adhere to the general education distribution requirements for their specific major. Certain exceptions apply, as stated in the course descriptions for UFWT 201, UFWT 202, and UFSI 201.

NOTE 1: Credits for General Education Requirements, Major Requirements, and General Electives vary from program to program. See the major/degree table for specific course and credit requirements. NOTE 2: Total Required Credits vary, depending on the program, but a minimum of 128 credits must be completed to earn the typical bachelor's degree.

Western Intellectual Tradition Interdisciplinary Minor

The Western Intellectual Tradition interdisciplinary minor provides University Fellows an opportunity to continue studying the various disciplines foundational to the University Fellows WIT sequence. Through courses in art history, biblical and religious studies, philosophy, literature, classics, political theory, and philosophy of science, University Fellows will continue the rich interdisciplinary conversation of the Western Intellectual Tradition.

Western Intellectual Tradition Minor: 24 Credits

Western Intellectual Tradition Core: 16 Credits

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4)
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)

Western Intellectual Tradition Electives: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 350 - History of Christianity (4)
- CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4)
- CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)
- ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4)
- GREK 301 - Homer (4)
- HIST 312 - Medieval Intellectual History (4)
- HIST 314 - Early Modern Intellectual History (4)
- HIST 315 - American Intellectual History (4)
- HIST 316 - Modern Intellectual History (4)
- LATN 304 - Vergil (4)
- PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)
- UFEN 300 - England and the Western Intellectual Tradition (2 or 4)
- UFWT 201 - Western Intellectual Tradition III: Reformation, Revolution, and Enlightenment (4) *
- UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4) *

Total Required Credits: 24

* Students not counting UFWT 201 and UFWT 202 for general education social science and humanities credit may count these courses toward the minor.

Micah Fellows

Undergraduate Requirements

- All Courses Listed Below
- Service Spring Break
- International Service Experience
- Three Years of Service in the Birmingham Community (6-8 hours/week)

The Micah Fellows Program admits 12-15 incoming freshmen each year. Applicants must have a minimum ACT score of 26 or SAT-I score of 1260. Strong candidates will also have a 3.50 overall high school GPA. Preference is given to applicants who have completed rigorous coursework in high school alongside demonstrated interest and practice of service. In addition to cadre-style classes exploring the

ideas of justice, mercy, and humility, the Micah Fellows Program places each student in an intentional service partnership with a Birmingham organization.

All students in the Micah Fellows Program will complete six (6) cadre-style courses on justice, mercy, and humility. In addition, they will take a Micah Fellows section of UFVI 101 - The Virtues (2) during the first semester of their freshman year. Co-curricularly, Micah Fellows are expected to participate in a freshman-year service immersion spring break, a summer international service experience after their junior year, and weekly service with their Birmingham volunteer placement starting their sophomore year.

All Micah Fellows must begin the program in the fall semester of their freshman year. For more information, see the Micah Fellows website: <https://www.samford.edu/programs/undergraduate/micah-fellows/>.

Writing Center

Administration

Timothy J. Sutton, Director; Associate Professor, English

The Writing Center is a place for all Samford students to receive free assistance with writing, speaking, and critical reading. From brainstorming to presentation or final draft, students work with trained peer tutors to improve as writers, speakers, and critical readers. In addition to individual tutoring sessions, the Writing Center periodically offers workshops on major style manuals as well as various aspects of oral and written communication.

The Writing Center also serves faculty, offering workshops and handouts on assigning and assessing oral and written communication.

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Howard College of Arts and Sciences

Academic Administration

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Don E. Bradley, Associate Dean; Professor, Sociology

Emily A. Hynds, Associate Dean; Professor, Mathematics

Dana K. Basinger, Assistant Dean; Assistant Professor, Core Curriculum

History

John Howard, for whom Howard College was named, was an 18th century English social reformer who frequently risked his own life to better the wretched condition of prisoners in that era. He was widely revered as a model of Christian compassion when Howard College was founded in 1841. When the college became a university in 1965, the Howard College of Arts and Sciences retained both the name and the legacy of this great humanitarian.

Mission

Most Samford students will spend the majority of their first two years taking courses in the College of Arts and Sciences. This liberal education provides the foundation for more advanced study in particular disciplines or majors. Many students will continue to major in one of the traditional liberal arts disciplines, including the humanities, the social sciences, or the natural sciences. With sixteen departments and over 30 different majors, Howard College is the largest of Samford's eight schools. Although liberal arts majors are not necessarily tied to a specific career path, they all provide an ability to think critically and express ideas cogently—skills that are valued in all professions.

In addition to career-related objectives, a liberal education engages students in the larger questions of life. Courses in the humanities acquaint students with the religious, social, linguistic, and aesthetic dimensions of world cultures. Courses in the social sciences provide a means for exploring the varieties of human experience and patterns of social behavior. Courses in mathematics and sciences provide insight into the natural world and quantitative methods. Moreover, such a course of study helps students develop a closely examined core of personal beliefs and a strong code of values that lead to an informed and constructive public life. For more than a century and a half, the Howard College of Arts and Sciences has embodied these high ideals within a Christian environment in which dedicated teachers and students can work closely together to seek each individual's highest fulfillment.

Degrees Offered

The Howard College of Arts and Sciences offers several programs that meet the requirements for a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science degree. A master of science in environmental management degree is offered through the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. (See the Graduate Catalog for program details)

Teacher Certification

Students who want to receive teacher certification while earning a bachelor of arts degree or bachelor of science degree should consult with the certification officer and advisor in the Orlean Beeson School of Education (OBB 322).

Accreditation

All degrees in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences are fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education: University Core Curriculum

As the foundation of General Education, the University Core Curriculum engages students in the liberal arts tradition of transcending department and major by exploring new ways to understand their place in a complex world. All freshmen are required to take the University Core Curriculum at Samford (22 credits). It is recommended that students be registered for University Core Texts I (UCT 101) in their first semester. They should also register for University Core: Rhetoric (UCR 101) or University Core: Seminar (UCS 102), depending on their placement. Students should consult their academic advisors for recommended scheduling.

General Education: Distribution Areas

The standard general education curriculum for Samford students is detailed in the table linked below and, as such, is part of most degree programs offered. However, some schools, departments, degrees, majors, or minors may require variations to the standard. Please consult those department sections to see how general education variations may apply. See table footnotes for additional information.

Click on the following link to see the Statement of Purpose: Undergraduate Education, as approved by the General Education Committee and Faculty Senate: <https://www.samford.edu/departments/files/academic-affairs/Statement-of-Purpose-Undergraduate-Education.pdf#facultyprofiles>

General Education Overview

General Education: University Core Curriculum*

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- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4) **
- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)

Total Core Curriculum Credits: 22

Gen Ed Overview/Core Curriculum Notes:

* Core curriculum requirements cannot be met through transient enrollment.

** Placement into UCS 102, bypassing the requirement to complete UCR 101, will reduce the Core Curriculum hours to 18, but does not exempt students from the minimum number of hours required for their chosen degree program (usually 128). These students may need to complete an additional four hours of General Electives to meet that minimum 128-credit requirement.

*** Four (4) credits of language are required (202 or higher for most programs; 102 or higher for selected programs). However, many students will complete up to 16 language credits. These additional credits will be applied to the General Electives block of the student's program, if applicable.

† See below for a list of approved courses in each distribution area.

General Education: Distribution Areas †

The standard general education curriculum for Samford students is detailed below and, as such, is part of most degree programs offered. However, some schools, departments, degrees, majors, or minors may require variations to the standard. Please consult those department sections to see how general education variations may apply. See footnotes for additional information.

- Natural & Computational Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Mathematics
- Languages
- Fine Arts
- Humanities

Natural and Computational Sciences: 8 Credits

(choose two courses/combos for 8-10 credits; please note that some science lecture courses have a separate 1-credit lab)

- BIOL 101/BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I & Lab (3)(1)
- BIOL 103/BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3)(1)
- BIOL 110 - Human Biology (4)
- BIOL 112 - Plant Biology (4)
- BIOL 115/BIOL 116 - Animal Biology & Lab (3)(1)
- BIOL 117/BIOL 118 - Contemporary Biology & Lab (3)(1)
- CHEM 108/CHEM 109 - Gen/Org/Biol Chem & Lab (3)(1)
- CHEM 205/CHEM 206 - Found of Chem I & Lab (4)(1)
- COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography (4)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of GIS (4)
- IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4)
- PHYS 100 - Physics for Society (4)
- PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4)
- PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- PHYS 150 - Introduction to Astronomy (4)
- PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- PHYS 206 - Sound and Music (4)

Social Sciences: 3-4 Credits (choose one course outside your major)

- COMS 207 - Communication and Race (4)
- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)
- IDSS 201 - Interdisciplinary Social Science (4)
- INTL 360 - British Heritage and Culture (4) *

- JMC 200 - Mass Media and Society (4)
- POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)

Mathematics: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- MATH 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (4)
- MATH 130 - Intro to Applied Mathematics (4)
- MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- Any other math course above 240 for students who demonstrate competency at the Calculus I level

Languages: 4-6 Credits**

For students without language proficiency, the normal sequence is as follows:

- FREN 101 & 102 - Elem French I & II (4,4) *or*
- FREN 107 - Accelerated Elem French (6)
- AND
- FREN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Fren I & II (4,4) *or*
- FREN 207 - Accel Intermediate Fren (6) or higher
- OR
- GER 101 & 102 - Elem German I & II (4,4) *or*
- GER 107 - Accelerated Elem German (6)
- AND
- GER 201 & 202 - Intermediate Ger I & II (4,4) *or*
- GER 207 - Accel Intermediate Ger (6) or higher
- OR
- SPAN 101 & 102 - Elem Spanish I & II (4,4) *or*
- SPAN 103 - Accelerated Elem Spanish II (4)
- AND
- SPAN 201 & 202 - Intermediate Span I & II (4,4)
- OR
- Any language offered by Samford (if offered up through the 202 or higher level). For a complete list of languages, see the Classics and Philosophy, Biblical and Religious Studies, and World Languages and Cultures department sections.

Fine Arts: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) (for non-SOA majors)
- SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3) (for non-SOA majors)
- SOA 250 - Arts Perspective (3) (SOA majors)

Humanities: 4 Credits *(choose one course outside your major)*

- BREL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)
- CLAS 200 - Rediscovery of the Classical World (4)
- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)
- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- IDHU 201 - Interdisciplinary Humanities (4)
- INTL 360 - British Heritage and Culture (4) *
- PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 241 - Introduction to Philosophy (4)

Total Gen Ed Distribution Area Credits: 27

Gen Ed Distribution Requirement Notes:

*INTL 360 is applicable to either the social science or humanities general education requirement but cannot be used to satisfy both.

** Languages

Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement for most majors (see Exceptions). For more info, see the World Languages and Cultures section.

Language Credits: Four (4) credits of language are required (202 or higher for most programs; 102 or higher for selected programs).

However, many students will complete up to 16 language credits. These additional credits will be applied to the General Electives block of the student's program, if applicable.

Languages Accepted: All languages offered by Samford (if offered up through the 202 or higher level) are applicable to this requirement, not just those noted above. For a complete list of languages, see the Classics and Philosophy, Biblical and Religious Studies, and World Languages and Cultures department sections.

Exceptions: Students in the School of Business are exempt from completion of a 4-credit language course if placement scores are sufficient.

Double-Dipping Note: Students may not "double dip" by counting a course for credit in both their major and as a general education distribution requirement, unless otherwise noted in the department section. They may, however, count a general education course towards a minor or a second major.

University Fellows Note: University Fellows students follow a unique core curriculum but adhere to the general education distribution requirements of the various degree programs, as necessary. See the University Fellows Program section for more information.

Study Abroad Note: Courses in London and other international settings may meet general education distribution requirements for humanities, social science, and natural and computational science, subject to approval by the department chair of the course equivalent.

Biblical and Religious Studies

Faculty

Adam D. Winn, Chair, Professor; S. Louis and
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Paul A. Hoffman, Associate Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Biblical Studies Major (BA)
Christian and Religious Studies Major (BA)
Christian and Religious Studies Major w/a Concentration in
Ministry Leadership (BA)

Minors

Biblical Studies Minor
Ministry and Missions Minor
Religion Minor
Theology and Ethics Minor

Interdisciplinary Minor

Science and Religion Interdisciplinary Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a BA in Biblical Studies
Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a BA in Christian and Religious Studies
Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a BA in Christian and Religious studies with a Ministry Leadership concentration
Fast-Track Master of Social Work (MSW) with a BA in Biblical Studies
Fast-Track Master of Social Work (MSW) with a BA in Christian and Religious Studies

The Department of Biblical and Religious Studies offers majors in biblical studies, Christian and religious studies, plus, for students preparing for a career in church leadership or other faith-based organizations, Christian and religious studies with a concentration in ministry leadership. All programs earn the bachelor of arts degree. The department also offers four minors: biblical studies, ministry and missions, religion, and theology and ethics.

In cooperation with the Beeson School of Divinity, the department offers an accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program—a fast-track master of divinity (MDiv)—that allows qualified students majoring in biblical studies, Christian and religious studies, or Christian and religious studies with a concentration in ministry leadership the opportunity to complete requirements for both the BA and MDiv in approximately six years of study. See below for more information.

In cooperation with the School of Public Health's Department of Social Work, the department offers an accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program—a fast-track master of social work (MSW)—that allows qualified students majoring in biblical studies or Christian and religious studies the opportunity to complete requirements for both the BA and MSW in approximately five to six years of study.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Students cannot use BREL 200 (Christian Ethics), BREL 201 (Introduction to World Religions), or BREL 221 (Christian Theology) to count towards both the general education humanities requirement and the Christian and religious studies major.

Biblical Studies Major (BA)

The biblical studies major prepares students who are informed and competent interpreters of the Christian Scriptures with the knowledge and understanding necessary to teach others. They will be able to explain the composition and contents of the Jewish and Christian Scriptures and how they relate to the complex cultural, geographical, historical, and political contexts in which they originated. They will also be able to employ a variety of interpretive approaches to the interpretation of Scripture in respectful and substantive dialogue with interpreters who reflect diverse backgrounds and differing perspectives.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Biblical Studies Major: 37 Credits

Biblical Studies Core: 9 Credits

- BREL 101 - Introduction to Biblical and Religious Studies (1)
- BREL 300 - Method and Research (4)
- BREL 498 - Senior Seminar (4)

Area Studies: 20 Credits

(choose five courses from the following, including at least one Old Testament and one New Testament course)

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 305 - Studies in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)
- BREL 308 - Studies in the Prophets (4)
- BREL 311 - Defiant Faith: Biblical and Contemporary Responses to Suffering (4)

New Testament

- BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)
- BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)
- BREL 317 - Gospel of Matthew (4)
- BREL 322 - Paul's Letter to the Romans (4)
- BREL 324 - Martyrdom and Apocalypticism (4)
- BREL 328 - The Johannine Writings (4)
- BREL 332 - The Interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament (4)

Backgrounds

- BREL 312 - Gods and Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)
- BREL 336/CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- BREL 340 - Archaeology and the Lands of the Bible (4)

Study Abroad

- BREL 342 - Israel: Exploring the Biblical World (4)
- BREL 344 - Field Methods in Archaeology (4)
- BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)

Biblical and Religious Studies Electives: 8 Credits (choose **one option** below and complete 8 credits)

- GREK 101-202 Elementary/Intermediate Greek (8) * or
- HEBR 101-202 Elementary/Intermediate Hebrew (8) * or
- BREL 200-499 (choose any two BREL courses) (8)

General Electives: 42 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Students wishing to take Intermediate Greek or Hebrew should start GREK 101 or HEBR 101 in the fall of their junior year at the latest (or in their sophomore year, depending on the rotation).

Christian and Religious Studies Major (BA)

The Christian and religious studies major prepares students to succeed as pastors, missionaries, professors, and social workers, as well as in leadership roles in businesses and nonprofit organizations. Students explore the Bible and Christian theology, as well as the history, sociology, and philosophy of religion. Students explore both the Christian tradition in which Samford is rooted as well as other religions that shape our world.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Christian and Religious Studies Major: 37 Credits

Christian and Religious Studies Core: 13 Credits

- BREL 101 - Introduction to Biblical and Religious Studies (1)
- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 300 - Method and Research (4)
- BREL 498 - Senior Seminar (4)

Choose four Area courses: 16 Credits

Students must choose one course in Area I. Students then choose one course from three different areas out of the following: Area I, II, III, IV (four courses total) for 16 total credits.

Area I. Jewish and Christian Scriptures

- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 305 - Studies in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)
- BREL 308 - Studies in the Prophets (4)
- BREL 311 - Defiant Faith: Biblical and Contemporary Responses to Suffering (4)
- BREL 312 - Gods and Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)
- BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)
- BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)
- BREL 317 - Gospel of Matthew (4)
- BREL 322 - Paul's Letter to the Romans (4)
- BREL 324 - Martyrdom and Apocalypticism (4)
- BREL 328 - The Johannine Writings (4)
- BREL 332 - The Interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament (4)
- BREL 336/CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- BREL 342 - Israel: Exploring the Biblical World (4)
- BREL 344 - Field Methods in Archaeology (4)
- BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)

Area II. Historical/Cultural Studies

- BREL 340 - Archaeology and the Lands of the Bible (4)
- BREL 350 - History of Christianity (4)
- BREL 352 - Global Christianity (4)
- BREL 354 - Religion in America: Awakenings and Denominations (4)
- BREL 356 - Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in America (4)
- BREL 360/SOCI 333 - Sociology of Religion (4)
- BREL 362 - Religion and Film (4)
- BREL 364/PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)
- BREL 365 - Interfaith Understanding: Knowing Our Religious Neighbors (4)
- BREL 366/SOCI 373 - Women and Religion (4)
- BREL 368 - Religion and the Body: Body Images and Practices across Religious Traditions (4)
- BREL 370 - Religions of Asia (4)
- BREL 372/HIST 333 - Foundations of Islamic Civilization (4)
- BREL 376/POLS 390 - Monarchs, Bishops, and Martyrs: The English Reformation (4)
- BREL 378 - Baptists: Their History and Theology (4)
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *

Area III. Theological/Ethical Studies

- BREL 200/PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- BREL 210 - God and Nature (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *
- BREL 384 - Christian Spirituality (4)
- BREL 388 - Contemporary Theology (4)
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4) **

Area IV. Ministry Leadership

- BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)
- BREL 240 - Church Dynamics (4)
- BREL 250 - Practice of Ministry Internship (1-4) ***
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4) **
- BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)
- BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- BREL 406/WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)
- BREL 408/WRLD 3210 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)
- BREL 412 - Holistic Missions and Ministry (4)
- BREL 414 - Conflict, Change, and Misconduct in Ministry (4)
- BREL 416 - Pastoral Care (4)
- BREL 418/WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)
- BREL 420 - Christian Faith and Community Service (4)

Biblical and Religious Studies Electives: 8 Credits

(choose two courses from the following)

- BREL 200-499 (8)

General Electives: 42 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* BREL 380 may be used to satisfy Area II, III or IV, but not all three simultaneously.

** BREL 392 may be used to satisfy either Area III or IV, but not both simultaneously.

*** BREL 250 internships can vary from 1-4 credits. If a student completes an internship of less than 4 credits, this course can be repeated until 4 credits have been earned. Students must complete 4 credits of BREL 250 in order for it to fulfill an Area IV requirement.

Christian and Religious Studies Major w/a Concentration in Ministry Leadership (BA)

The concentration in ministry leadership provides students majoring in Christian and religious studies with a focus on the theological, spiritual, and professional preparation of those called to leadership positions in churches, faith-based organizations, and missions.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Christian and Religious Studies Major with Ministry Leadership Concentration: 37 Credits

Christian and Religious Studies Core: 13 Credits

- BREL 101 - Introduction to Biblical and Religious Studies (1)
- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 300 - Method and Research (4)
- BREL 498 - Senior Seminar (4)

Choose three Area courses: 12 Credits

Choose one course in Area I and then choose two more courses from Areas I, II, and III for 12 total credits.

Area I. Jewish and Christian Scriptures

- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 305 - Studies in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)
- BREL 308 - Studies in the Prophets (4)
- BREL 311 - Defiant Faith: Biblical and Contemporary Responses to Suffering (4)
- BREL 312 - Gods and Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)
- BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)
- BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)
- BREL 317 - Gospel of Matthew (4)
- BREL 322 - Paul's Letter to the Romans (4)
- BREL 324 - Martyrdom and Apocalypticism (4)
- BREL 328 - The Johannine Writings (4)
- BREL 332 - The Interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament (4)
- BREL 336/CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- BREL 342 - Israel: Exploring the Biblical World (4)
- BREL 344 - Field Methods in Archaeology (4)
- BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)

Area II. Historical/Cultural Studies

- BREL 340 - Archaeology and the Lands of the Bible (4)
- BREL 350 - History of Christianity (4)
- BREL 352 - Global Christianity (4)
- BREL 354 - Religion in America: Awakenings and Denominations (4)
- BREL 356 - Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in America (4)
- BREL 360/SOCI 333 - Sociology of Religion (4)
- BREL 362 - Religion and Film (4)
- BREL 364/PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)
- BREL 365 - Interfaith Understanding: Knowing Our Religious Neighbors (4)
- BREL 366/SOCI 373 - Women and Religion (4)
- BREL 368 - Religion and the Body: Body Images and Practices across Religious Traditions (4)
- BREL 370 - Religions of Asia (4)
- BREL 372/HIST 333 - Foundations of Islamic Civilization (4)
- BREL 376/POLS 390 - Monarchs, Bishops, and Martyrs: The English Reformation (4)
- BREL 378 - Baptists: Their History and Theology (4)
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *

Area III. Theological/Ethical Studies

- BREL 200/PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- BREL 210 - God and Nature (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *
- BREL 384 - Christian Spirituality (4)
- BREL 388 - Contemporary Theology (4)
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4) *

Choose three courses from Area IV: 12 Credits**Area IV. Ministry Leadership**

- BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)
- BREL 240 - Church Dynamics (4)
- BREL 250 - Practice of Ministry Internship (1-4) ***
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4) *
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4) **
- BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)
- BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- BREL 406/WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)
- BREL 408/WRLD 3210 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)
- BREL 412 - Holistic Missions and Ministry (4)
- BREL 414 - Conflict, Change, and Misconduct in Ministry (4)
- BREL 416 - Pastoral Care (4)
- BREL 418/WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)
- BREL 420 - Christian Faith and Community Service (4)

General Electives: 42 Credits**Total Required Credits: 128**

* BREL 380 may be used to satisfy Area II, III or IV, but not all three simultaneously.

** BREL 392 may be used to satisfy either Area III or IV, but not both simultaneously.

*** BREL 250 internships can vary from 1-4 credits. If a student completes an internship of less than 4 credits, this course can be repeated until 4 credits have been earned. Students must complete 4 credits of BREL 250 in order for it to fulfill an Area IV requirement.

Biblical Studies Minor

The minor in biblical studies equips students to interpret the Hebrew and Christian scriptures through the study of the texts, languages, and cultures of ancient Israelites, Jews, Christians, and the groups around them.

Biblical Studies Minor: 20 Credits

Biblical Languages: 0-8 Credits *(Complete no more than two courses, or 8 hours, from the following)*

- HEBR 101-202 (4-8 credits)
- GREK 101-454 (4-8 credits)

Biblical Studies and Allied Courses: 12-20 Credits *(choose three to five courses)*

- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 305 - Studies in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (4)
- BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)
- BREL 308 - Studies in the Prophets (4)
- BREL 311 - Defiant Faith: Biblical and Contemporary Responses to Suffering (4)
- BREL 312 - Gods and Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)
- BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)
- BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)
- BREL 317 - Gospel of Matthew (4)
- BREL 322 - Paul's Letter to the Romans (4)
- BREL 324 - Martyrdom and Apocalypticism (4)
- BREL 328 - The Johannine Writings (4)
- BREL 332 - The Interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament (4)
- BREL 336/CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- BREL 340 - Archaeology and the Lands of the Bible (4)
- BREL 342 - Israel: Exploring the Biblical World (4)
- BREL 344 - Field Methods in Archaeology (4)
- BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

Ministry and Missions Minor

For the minor in ministry and missions, students must take five (or more) courses for a total of 20 hours. Options include BREL 201 (Introduction to World Religions) and any of the courses from Area IV.

Ministry and Missions Minor: 20 Credits

Ministry and Missions: 20 Credits *(choose five courses, including one at the 300/400 level)*

- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)
- BREL 240 - Church Dynamics (4)
- BREL 250 - Practice of Ministry Internship (1-4) *
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4)
- BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)
- BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- BREL 406/WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)
- BREL 408/WRLD 3210 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)
- BREL 412 - Holistic Missions and Ministry (4)
- BREL 414 - Conflict, Change, and Misconduct in Ministry (4)
- BREL 416 - Pastoral Care (4)
- BREL 418/WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)
- BREL 420 - Christian Faith and Community Service (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

* BREL 250 internships can vary from 1-4 credits. If a student completes an internship of less than 4 credits, this course can be repeated until 4 credits have been earned. Students must complete 4 credits of BREL 250 in order for it to fulfill an Area IV requirement.

Religion Minor

Religion Minor: 20 Credits

Religion Core: 4 Credits

- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)

Biblical and Religious Studies Electives: 16 Credits

(choose 16 credits from the following)

- BREL 200-499 (16)

Total Required Credits: 20

Science and Religion Interdisciplinary Minor

Students will explore the intersection of faith, and the scientific study of the created world faith inhabits.

Science and Religion Minor: 20 Credits

Science and Religion Core: 4 Credits

- BREL 210 - God and Nature (4)

Biblical & Religious Studies Electives: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)
- BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)

Philosophy Electives: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- PHIL 241 - Introduction to Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)
- PHIL 312 - Free Will and Predestination (4)
- PHIL 328 - Metaphysics (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

Theology and Ethics Minor

The minor in theology and ethics prepares students to understand and explain the key theological tenets of the Christian faith as well as key points in the rich history of theological developments within major Christian traditions. They will be prepared to carry out informed and responsible theological interpretation for today's world.

Theology and Ethics Minor: 20 Credits

Theology and Ethics Core: 8 Credits

- BREL 200/PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)

Theology and Ethics Electives: 12 Credits (*choose 12 credits*)

- BREL 101 - Introduction to Biblical and Religious Studies (1)
- BREL 210 - God and Nature (4)
- BREL 350 - History of Christianity (4)
- BREL 352 - Global Christianity (4)
- BREL 354 - Religion in America: Awakenings and Denominations (4)
- BREL 356 - Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in America (4)
- BREL 362 - Religion and Film (4)
- BREL 366/SOCI 373 - Women and Religion (4)
- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)
- BREL 384 - Christian Spirituality (4)
- BREL 388 - Contemporary Theology (4)
- BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4)
- BREL 408/WRLD 3210 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)
- CHRM 220 - Theology for Christian Ministry (3)
- PHIL 314 - Philosophical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs**

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Admission Requirements

The accelerated bachelor of arts (BA) to master of divinity (MDiv) program of study allows select students to complete requirements for both degrees in a minimum of six years of study rather than the typical minimum of seven years of study.* This program of study is available to qualified students majoring in biblical studies, Christian and religious studies, and Christian and religious studies w/a concentration in ministry leadership. Acceptance to the program is limited to students who demonstrate the maturity and discipline to advance their course of study and their preparation for vocational ministry leadership.

Students interested in the accelerated BA to MDiv program should seek guidance from their advisor as early as possible in their undergraduate studies. The undergraduate program of study must include specific courses. Students may apply for admission upon completion of 48 credit hours of undergraduate studies. Applicants are evaluated on their academic performance, spiritual maturity, and vocational clarity. Admission to the accelerated program is limited.

Students must complete 96 credit hours of undergraduate coursework before beginning their graduate theological studies. Upon completion of the initial 32 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, a student is awarded the bachelor of arts degree. The master of divinity degree is awarded upon completion of the 55 credit hours of additional graduate theological courses.

Students admitted to the accelerated BA to MDiv program must participate in a co-curricular program of spiritual and vocational mentoring.

Program details are available from the student's major advisor.

*The potential six-year minimum does not account for advanced placement credit or transfer credit which a student may bring to Samford. Any such credit may reduce the total program of study to less than six years.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (MSW)

Admission Requirements

The accelerated bachelor of arts (BA) to master of social work (MSW) program of study allows select students to complete requirements for both degrees in a minimum of five years of study rather than the typical minimum of six years of study. This program of study is available to qualified students majoring in biblical studies and Christian and religious studies. For more information visit this link: <https://www.samford.edu/publichealth/fast-track-master-of-social-work>.

Program details are available from the student's academic advisor and students interested in the BA to MSW fast-track program should seek guidance from their advisor as early as possible in their undergraduate studies.

**At this time, these fast-track tables are not yet represented in the catalog. See the department for program requirements.

Biological and Environmental Sciences

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Anthony S. Overton, Chair, Professor
Kristin A. Bakkegard, Paul Propst Professor of Natural Sciences
Elizabeth G. Dobbins, Professor
Brad C. Bennett, Associate Professor
Rita Malia Fincher, Associate Professor
Grant L. Gentry, Associate Professor

Andrew (Drew) Hataway, Associate Professor
Andrew T. Coleman, Assistant Professor
Katelynn Corder, Assistant Professor
Kevin M. Drace, Assistant Professor
Riley T. Lovejoy, Assistant Professor
Jade E. Stanley, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Biology Major (BS)
Environmental Science Major (BS)
Marine Science Major (BS)

Interdisciplinary Major

Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Major (BS)

Minors

Biology Minor
Marine Science Minor
Neuroscience Minor

Interdisciplinary Minor

Bioinformatics Minor for Biology or Biochemistry Majors

The Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences offers majors in biology, environmental science, and marine science, each leading to a bachelor of science degree. Additionally, in cooperation with the Department of Psychology, the department offers an interdisciplinary major in neuroscience, leading to a bachelor of science degree. Preparation is also provided for professional programs in the allied health sciences.

The department also offers minors in biology, marine science, and neuroscience, plus an interdisciplinary minor in bioinformatics, offered in cooperation with the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science. The bioinformatics minor is available in three variations, depending on the student's major. See the mathematics and computer science department for information on the other variations.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Biology Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in biology is focused on training in the natural sciences. While providing a strong background in the multifaceted field of biology, students are offered the flexibility to design their own program through upper-level electives. Students may emphasize ecology and the environment, cellular and molecular biology, and/or biomedical sciences. Students will engage in a combination of experiential learning, fieldwork, internships, study abroad opportunities, and senior-year capstone courses that foster interdisciplinary training. Students graduating with this degree will be prepared for admission to pre-health programs (medical, optometry, dental, and veterinary schools) as well as graduate studies.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 28-29 Credits

- Natural & Computational Sciences (9-10 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1) **PLUS**
 - PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4) or PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) or higher
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Biology Major: 55-57 Credits

Biology Core: 24 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 326 - Environmental Science (4) *or*
 - BIOL 335 - Biological and Environmental Perspectives in Community Health (4) *or*
 - BIOL 436 - Ecology (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 403 - Invertebrate Field Zoology (4) *or*
 - BIOL 416 - Vertebrate Field Zoology (4) *or*
 - BIOL 422 - Plant Taxonomy and Local Flora (4) *or*
 - BIOL 436 - Ecology (4)
- BIOL 438 - Biology Seminar (4) (enroll during senior year) *or*
 - BIOL 448 - Biology Research Capstone (4)

Biology Electives-Upper Level: 16 Credits*

(choose 16 credits from the following, excluding any course already designated as a major requirement)

- BIOL 300-499 (16)

Chemistry: 8 Credits (complete the following chemistry requirements)

- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 310 & CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I (3) & Laboratory (1)

Mathematics: 3-4 Credits (choose one course)

- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)

Physics: 4-5 Credits (choose one course)

- PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)

General Electives: 20-23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Biology Electives requirement excludes externships (BIOL 361).

Environmental Science Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in environmental science engages students in the study of the earth and its habitable environments, with a focus on natural and physical processes that shape our planet. Students gain foundational knowledge in the natural sciences, informing them about the environment in which we live. Students majoring in environmental science choose between two tracks depending on their academic goals: conservation/stewardship or public/occupational health. Students will engage in a combination of experiential learning, fieldwork, internships, and study abroad opportunities. The major is designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers as well as graduate and professional programs.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 28 Credits

- Natural & Computational Sciences (9 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1) **PLUS**
 - Any General Education Natural/Computational Science (4)
- Social Sciences (4) (except ECON 201, which is required in the major block)
- Mathematics: MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4) (course selection should be made with advisor's approval)

Environmental Science Major: 50-52 Credits

Environmental Science Core: 20 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 326 - Environmental Science (4)
- BIOL 403 - Invertebrate Field Zoology (4) or
 - BIOL 416 - Vertebrate Field Zoology (4) or
 - BIOL 436 - Ecology (4)
- BIOL 432 - Internship in Biological or Environmental Science (4) or
 - BIOL 438 - Biology Seminar (4) or
 - BIOL 448 - Biology Research Capstone (4)

Mathematics: 3-4 Credits (choose one course)

- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- MATH 370 - Mathematical Statistics (4)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)

Sciences: 7 Credits

- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)

Environmental Science Concentration (choose one): 18-20 Credits

Conservation/Stewardship Concentration: 20 Credits (choose 20 credits from the following)

- BIOL 324 - Introduction to Toxicology (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 335 - Biological and Environmental Perspectives in Community Health (4)
- BIOL 340 - Amazon Rain Forest (4)
- BIOL 350 - Population Biology (4)
- BIOL 403 - Invertebrate Field Zoology (4)

- BIOL 416 - Vertebrate Field Zoology (4)
- BIOL 422 - Plant Taxonomy and Local Flora (4)
- CHEM 215 & CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3) & Laboratory (1)
- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)
- GEOG 380 - Human-Environment Relationships (4)
- GEOG 485 - Landscapes of the American South (4)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- SOCI 427 - Sociology and Environment (4)

Public/Occupational Health Concentration: 18-20 Credits (*choose 18-20 credits from the following*)

- BIOL 225 & BIOL 226 - Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences (3) & Laboratory (1)
- BIOL 324 - Introduction to Toxicology (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 335 - Biological and Environmental Perspectives in Community Health (4)
- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 215 & CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 312 & CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 325 & CHEM 326 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 345 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3)
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)
- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)
- GEOG 380 - Human-Environment Relationships (4)
- PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- SOCI 427 - Sociology and Environment (4)

General Electives: 27-30 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Marine Science Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in marine science is a multidisciplinary program focused on the biological, chemical, physical, and geological processes of the ocean. Students pursuing this program must complete one semester or two five-week summer terms at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. The Sea Lab is operated by the Marine Environmental Science Consortium of which Samford is an active member. Students will engage in a combination of experiential learning, fieldwork, internships, study abroad opportunities, and senior-year capstone courses that foster interdisciplinary training. The degree is designed to prepare students for a wide range of careers and graduate programs.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 28-29 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (9-10 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1) **PLUS**
 - PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4) or PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) or higher
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Marine Science Major: 55-57 Credits

Biology Core: 16 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 438 - Biology Seminar (4) or BIOL 448 - Biology Research Capstone (4)

Marine Science Core: 12 Credits

(*choose 12 credits from the following*)

- MARS 200-499 (12)

Biology/Marine Science Electives: 12 Credits

(*choose 12 credits from the following*)

- BIOL 300-499
- MARS 200-499

Chemistry: 8 Credits

- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 310 - Organic Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)

Mathematics: 3-4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)

- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)

Physics: 4-5 Credits (*choose one course*)

- PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)

General Electives: 20-23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Major (BS)

Neuroscience is the study of the structure and function of the central and peripheral nervous systems, with a special focus on the brain. The bachelor of science degree in neuroscience provides a broad foundation in understanding neural function from the perspective of molecules, cells, circuits, systems, and emergent behaviors. The program is designed to provide a challenging sequence of courses in biology, psychology, chemistry, mathematics, physics, and computer science, in addition to introductory and advanced courses in neuroscience. Students will integrate content, skills, and critical thinking to design a feasible independent neuroscience-focused research project in collaboration with faculty.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 28-29 Credits

- Natural & Computational Sciences (9-10 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1) **PLUS**
 - PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4) or PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Major: 56 Credits

Neuroscience Core: 40 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 320 - Introduction to Neuroscience (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4) *or*
 - MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4) *or*
 - PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 409 - Cognitive Psychology (4)
- NSCI 400 - Research in Neuroscience (4) *or* PSYC 306 - Research Methods (4)
- NSCI 405 - Capstone: Neuroscience Senior Thesis (4) *or*
 - BIOL 448 - Biology Research Capstone (4)

Neuroscience Electives: 16 Credits* (*choose four courses, from at least two different departments*)

- BIOL 301 - Mammalian Anatomy (4)
- BIOL 302 - Mammalian Physiology (4)
- BIOL 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4) *or* COSC 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)
- BIOL 325 - General Microbiology (4)
- BIOL 353 - Special Topics in Neuroscience (4) *or*
 - PSYC 411 - Advanced Special Topics in Psychology and Neuroscience (2-4) (*take for 4 credits*) *
- BIOL 405 - Cell and Molecular Biology (4)
- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- NSCI 300/BIOL 300 - Neurobiology of Mental Health and Disorders (4)
- PSYC 210 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (4)
- PSYC 225 - Health Psychology (4)
- PSYC 312 - Psychopharmacology (4)
- PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)
- PSYC 408 - Theories of Learning (4)

General Electives: 21-22 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*With permission of neuroscience advisor. Special topic of PSYC 411 must pertain to neuroscience.

Bioinformatics Minor for Biology or Biochemistry Majors

The bioinformatics minor is an interdisciplinary program merging insights and techniques from the fields of biology, computer science, mathematics, and information technology. Computational methods lead to the discovery of new biological insights and the creation of global perspectives from which to discover unifying principles in biology, pharmacology, and medicine.

Three versions of the bioinformatics minor are available. Students majoring in biology or biochemistry should follow the table below. Students majoring in computer science or any other discipline should follow one of two bioinformatics minor tables as seen in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science section.

Bioinformatics Minor for Biology or Biochemistry Majors: 24 Credits

Computer Science Core: 12 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)

Computer Science Elective: 4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)
- COSC 325 - Principles of Programming Languages (4)
- COSC 420 - Software Project Management (4)
- COSC 460 - Current Topics in Computing (4)
- COSC 470 - Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing Strategies (4)

Bioinformatics: 8 Credits

- BIOL 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4) *or* COSC 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)
- BIOL 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4) *or* COSC 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4)

Mathematics (see note)

Students must meet math requirements for any course listed above.

Total Required Credits: 24

NOTES: 1) BIOL 405 must be one of the elective courses taken for the biology major. 2) Biology majors may only use one bioinformatics course, BIOL 306/COSC 306 or BIOL 407/COSC 407, to count towards both the biology major and the bioinformatics minor requirements.

Biology Minor

Biology Minor: 20 Credits

Biology Core: 8 Credits (*choose one of the biology combos*)

- BIOL 101 & BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I & Lab (3, 1) * *and* BIOL 103 & BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3, 1) *
- OR**
- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4) *and* BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)

Biology Electives: 12 Credits (*choose three upper-level courses from the following, excluding BIOL 438*)

- BIOL 300-499 (12)
- Note: Up to 4 credits can be earned in BIOL 439, BIOL 440, and BIOL 441 (Research)*

Total Required Credits: 20

*A grade of B or higher must be achieved in BIOL 101, BIOL 102, BIOL 103, and BIOL 104.

Marine Science Minor

Marine Science Minor: 20 Credits

Marine Science Core: 16 Credits*

- MARS 403 - Marine Invertebrate Zoology (4)
- MARS 411 - Marine Vertebrate Zoology (4)
- MARS 412 - Marine Botany (4)
- MARS 436 - Marine Ecology (4)

Marine Science Elective: 4 Credits (*choose 4 credits from the following*)

- MARS 300-499 (4) *or* BIOL 300-499 (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

* BIOL 203 and BIOL 204 are prerequisites for the marine science courses.

Neuroscience Minor

The field of neuroscience contains the greatest undiscovered body of knowledge in any area of biological, physiological, and computational science. This rapidly growing field covers a wide range of subjects including normal brain function, artificial intelligence, and the causes and treatments of neuropathological conditions. This interdisciplinary neuroscience minor compliments disciplines including biology, psychology, biomedical engineering, criminal justice, philosophy, public health, education, kinesiology, business, and economics.

Neuroscience Minor: 20 Credits

Neuroscience Core: 12 Credits

- BIOL 103 & BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3)(1) * *or*
 - BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- BIOL 320 - Introduction to Neuroscience (4)

Neuroscience Electives: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- BIOL 300 - Neurobiology of Mental Health and Disorders (4)
- BIOL 353 - Special Topics in Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)
- PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)

And/or one COSC course from the following:**

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4) *or*
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for COSC (4) *or*
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

*A grade of B or higher must be achieved in BIOL 103 & BIOL 104.

**Only one COSC course may be counted towards the minor.

Chemistry and Biochemistry

Faculty

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Biochemistry Major (BS)
Chemistry Major (BS)

Minor

Chemistry Minor

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry offers majors in chemistry and in biochemistry leading to a bachelor of science degree. A student who is majoring in chemistry or biochemistry is not required to earn a minor in another area. The department also offers a minor in chemistry.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Chemistry and biochemistry majors must take MATH 240 (Calculus I) to satisfy the general education mathematics requirement, and PHYS 203 (Physics I) and PHYS 204 (Physics II) to satisfy the general education natural and computational sciences requirement.

Chemistry Major (BS)

The program outlined below will provide a student with a broad background in the chemical sciences. A student completing this program would be equipped for an entry-level position within the chemical industry. A student completing this program would also be well prepared to pursue graduate work in chemistry or a chemistry-related field. This program would also provide excellent preparation for medical school, dental school, pharmacy, and other health-related professional programs.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 29 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (10 total):
 - PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
 - PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Chemistry Major: 46 Credits

Chemistry: 42 Credits

- CHEM 205 & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 310 & CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 312 & CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 325 & CHEM 326 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)
- CHEM 355 - Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 365 - Physical Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 367 - Physical Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 371 - Advanced Chemistry Laboratory I (3)
- CHEM 372 - Advanced Chemistry Laboratory II (3)
- CHEM 460 - Senior Seminar (3)

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)

General Electives: 31 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Biochemistry Major (BS)

The program outlined below will provide a student with a broad background in biochemistry. A student completing this program would be equipped for an entry-level position within the biotechnology industry. A student completing this program would also be well prepared to pursue graduate work in biochemistry or a related field. This program would also provide excellent preparation for medical school, dental school, pharmacy, and other health-related professional programs.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 29 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (10 total):
 - PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
 - PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Biochemistry Major: 51 Credits

Biology: 12 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)

Chemistry: 35 Credits

- CHEM 205 & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 310 & CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 312 & CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 325 & CHEM 326 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)
- CHEM 365 - Physical Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 430 - Advanced Biochemistry (3)
- CHEM 450 - Biochemistry Laboratory (2)
- CHEM 460 - Senior Seminar (3)

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)

General Electives: 26 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Chemistry Minor

Chemistry Minor: 23-24 Credits

Chemistry Core: 17 Credits

- CHEM 205 & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 310 & CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I (3) & Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 312 & CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II (3) & Laboratory (1)

Chemistry Electives: 6-7 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- CHEM 325 & CHEM 326 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis (3) & Laboratory (1)
AND/OR one or two of the following:
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)
- CHEM 355 - Inorganic Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 365 - Physical Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 435 - Chemical Instrumentation (3)

Total Required Credits: 23-24

Classics and Philosophy

Faculty

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Classics Major (BA)
Greek Major (BA)
Latin Major (BA)
Philosophy Major (BA)
Philosophy and Religion Major (BA)

Minors

Classical Civilization Minor
Classics Minor
Greek Minor
Latin Minor
Medical Ethics Minor
Philosophy Minor

The Department of Classics and Philosophy offers majors in classics, Greek, Latin, philosophy, and an interdisciplinary major in philosophy and religion, taught in collaboration with the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies. All majors lead to a bachelor of arts degree.

The department also offers minors in classics, Greek, and Latin, that require advanced language courses, as well as a minor in classical civilization that does not require language. Additionally, the department offers minors in medical ethics and philosophy.

These programs support a journey toward any career in business, health, law, education, media, and more by providing the benefit of rigorous training in thinking clearly and carefully as well as providing the depth of historical perspective on the Greek and Roman roots of our modern world.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Classics, Greek, and Latin majors cannot use CLAS 200 (The Rediscovery of the Classical World) to meet the general education humanities requirement unless this is a second major.

Philosophy majors cannot use PHIL 200/BREL 200 (Christian Ethics) or PHIL 241 (Introduction to Philosophy) to meet the general education humanities requirement unless philosophy is a second major.

Classics Major (BA)

Students earning a bachelor of arts in classics explore the cultures of Ancient Greece and Rome grounded in the comprehension of the Ancient Greek or Latin language.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Classics Major: 35-36 Credits

Classical Languages: Greek & Latin: 12 Credits

*(choose three or more courses from the list below, for a total of 12 credits; however, 4 credits **must be** at the 300/400 level)*

- GREK 101-202 (Lower-Level Greek) (4-8)
- LATN 101-202 (Lower-Level Latin) (4-8)
- GREK 301-454 (Upper-Level Greek) *and/or*
 - LATN 301-454 (Upper-Level Latin) (4-12) *(minimum 4 credits required)*

Classical History: 8 Credits

- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4) *or*
 - CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4) **AND**
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4) *or*
 - CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)

Classical Civilization: 8 Credits

- CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4)
- CLAS 495 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Classical Electives: 7-8 Credits *(choose two or more courses from the following, for a total of 7-8 credits)*

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4)
- CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)
- CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- GREK 101-202 (Lower-Level Greek)
- GREK 301-454 (Upper-Level Greek)
- LATN 101-202 (Lower-Level Latin)

- LATN 301-454 (Upper-Level Latin)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)

General Electives: 43-44 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Greek Major (BA)

Students earning a bachelor of arts in Greek engage the world of Ancient Greece by developing both their comprehension of authentic ancient Greek texts and their understanding of the historical context of those texts.

General Education – University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Greek Major: 36 Credits

Greek: 24 Credits (*choose at least six courses, for a total of 24 credits*)

- GREK 101-454 (24)

History and Classics: 12 Credits

- CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4) **AND**
- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4) *or*
 - CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4) **AND**
- CLAS 495 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

General Electives: 47 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Latin Major (BA)

Students earning a bachelor of arts in Latin engage the world of the ancient Romans by developing both their comprehension of authentic ancient Latin texts and their understanding of the historical context of those texts.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Latin Major: 36 Credits

Latin: 24 Credits (*choose at least six courses, for a total of 24 credits*)

- LATN 101-454 (24)

History and Classics: 12 Credits

- CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4) **AND**
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4) *or*
 - CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4) **AND**
- CLAS 495 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

General Electives: 47 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Philosophy Major (BA)

Students earning a bachelor of arts in philosophy develop the skill of moving beyond assumptions by thinking rigorously about how human beings think, reason, and act.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Philosophy Major: 36 Credits

Philosophy Core: 24 Credits

- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4) *or*
 - UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4) * **AND**
- PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (4) *or*
 - UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4) ***(see note)* **AND**
- PHIL 314 - Philosophical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 328 - Metaphysics (4)
- PHIL 351 - Logic (4)
- PHIL 498 - Seminar (4)

Philosophy Electives: 12 Credits (*choose three or more courses for a total of 12 credits*)

- PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 241 - Introduction to Philosophy (4)
- PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)
- PHIL 312 - Free Will and Predestination (4)
- PHIL 321 - Existentialism (4)
- PHIL 491, 492, 493, *or* 494 - Readings in Philosophy (1, 2, 3, 4)

General Electives: 43 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Note 1: Completing UFWT 102 earns majors an exemption from PHIL 301 and, if philosophy is the second major, credit for the course (otherwise additional elective credit is needed).

**Note 2: Completing UFWT 202 earns majors an exemption from PHIL 302 and, if philosophy is the second major, credit for the course (otherwise additional elective credit is needed).

Philosophy and Religion Major (BA)

Students earning a bachelor of arts in philosophy and religion examine critical questions about human existence by considering philosophical and theological perspectives on the nature of the divine.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Philosophy & Religion Major: 36 Credits

Philosophy Core: 16 Credits

- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4) *or*
 - UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4) *
- PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (4) *or*
 - UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4) **(see note)
- PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)
- PHIL 312 - Free Will and Predestination (4) *or*
 - PHIL 328 - Metaphysics (4)

Philosophy Elective: 4 Credits (*choose one or more courses from the following, for a total of 4 credits*)

- PHIL 200-499 (4)

Biblical & Religious Studies Core: 8 Credits

- BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)
- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)

Biblical & Religious Studies Elective: 4 Credits (*choose one course from the following*)

- BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)
- BREL 312 - Gods & Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)
- BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)
- BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)

Senior Seminar: 4 Credits

- BREL 498 - Senior Seminar (4) *or*
 - PHIL 498 - Seminar (4)

General Electives: 43 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Note 1: Completing UFWT 102 earns majors an exemption from PHIL 301 and, if philosophy and religion is the second major, credit for the course (otherwise additional elective credit is needed).

**Note 2: Completing UFWT 202 earns majors an exemption from PHIL 302 and, if philosophy and religion is the second major, credit for the course (otherwise additional elective credit is needed).

Classical Civilization Minor

Students earning a minor in classical civilization examine the cultures of Ancient Greece and Rome within their Mediterranean context.

Classical Civilization Minor: 18-20 Credits

Classical Core: 4 Credits

- CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4)

Classical Electives: 14-16 Credits (*choose four or more courses for a total of 14-16 credits*)

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)
- CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4)
- CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)
- CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- GREK 101-454 (4-16)
- LATN 101-454 (4-16)
- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4)
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)
- UFWT 101 - Western Intellectual Tradition I: The Heritage of Greece and Rome (4)

Total Required Credits: 18-20

Classics Minor

Students earning a minor in classics explore the cultures of Ancient Greece and Rome grounded in the comprehension of the Ancient Greek or Latin language.

Classics Minor: 19-20 Credits

Classical Languages: Greek & Latin: 4 Credits (*choose one 4-credit course in advanced language*)

- GREK 301-454 (Upper-Level Greek) (4)
- LATN 301-454 (Upper-Level Latin) (4)

Classical Electives: 15-16 Credits (*choose four courses for a total of 15-16 credits*)

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4)
- CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4)
- CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)
- CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)
- GREK 101-454 (4-16)
- LATN 101-454 (4-16)
- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4)
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)

Total Required Credits: 19-20

Greek Minor

Students earning a minor in Greek engage the world of Ancient Greece by developing their comprehension of authentic ancient Greek texts.

Greek Minor: 19-20 Credits

Classical Languages: Greek: 16 Credits

(*choose four or more courses from the list below, for a total of 16 credits; however, 4 credits **must be** at the 300/400 level*)

- GREK 101-202 (Lower-Level Greek) (4-12)
- GREK 301-454 (Upper-Level Greek) (4-16) (*minimum 4 credits*)

Classical Electives: 3-4 Credits (*choose one course from the following*)

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- CLAS 200 - Rediscovery of Classical World (4)
- CLAS 303 - Greece: Crucible of Civilization (4)
- CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Beg (4)
- GREK 101-454 (4)
- HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)

Total Required Credits: 19-20

Latin Minor

Students earning a minor in Latin engage the world of the Romans by developing their comprehension of authentic ancient Latin texts.

Latin Minor: 19-20 Credits

Classical Languages: Latin: 16 Credits

(*choose four or more courses from the list below, for a total of 16 credits; however, 4 credits **must be** at the 300/400 level*)

- LATN 101-202 (Lower-Level Latin) (4-12)
- LATN 301-454 (Upper-Level Latin) (4-16) (*minimum 4 credits*)

Classical Electives: 3-4 Credits (*choose one course from the following*)

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- CLAS 200 - Rediscovery of Classical World (4)
- CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)
- CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Beg (4)
- LATN 101-454 (4)
- HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4)
- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)
- POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)

Total Required Credits: 19-20

Medical Ethics Minor

Students earning a minor in medical ethics explore the ethical foundation of medicine and healthcare through multidisciplinary study in philosophy, theology, and literature. These courses culminate in an internship putting ethics into practice.

Medical Ethics Minor: 20 Credits

Medical Ethics: 20 Credits

- PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4) *or*
 - BREL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 314 - Philosophical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 331 - Medical Humanities (4)
- PHIL 470 - Internship in Philosophy (2 or 4) *(take for 4 credits)*

Total Required Credits: 20

Philosophy Minor

Students earning a minor in philosophy develop the skill of moving beyond assumptions by thinking rigorously about how human beings think, reason, and act.

Philosophy Minor: 20 Credits

Philosophy Core: 8 Credits

- PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4) *or*
 - PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (4) *or*
 - UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4)
- PHIL 351 - Logic (4)

Philosophy Electives: 12 Credits *(choose three or more courses from the following, for a total of 12 credits)*

- PHIL 200-499 (4-12)
- UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

Communication and Media

Faculty

Ignatius Fosu, Chair, Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Communication Studies Major (BA)

Journalism and Mass Communication Major (BA) with a required concentration in one of the following:

Advertising, Broadcast and Electronic Journalism, Print Journalism, Public Relations

Minors

Communication Studies Minor

Sports Media Minor

Interdisciplinary Minor

Film Production Interdisciplinary Minor

The Department of Communication and Media offers two majors: communication studies (COMS) and journalism and mass communication (JMC), both leading to a bachelor of arts degree. The department also offers minors in communication studies, sports media, and, in cooperation with the Department of Theatre and Dance, a minor in film production.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Communication studies majors must complete COMS 221 (Interpersonal Communication) for their major and cannot use it to also satisfy the general education social science requirement for their degree.

JMC majors must take MATH 110 (Contemporary Mathematics) or higher to fulfill the general education mathematics requirement. JMC majors cannot use JMC 200 (Mass Media and Society) to satisfy their general education social science requirement.

Communication Studies Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts in communication studies is designed to teach students about human communication in its varied contexts and modes of expression. The goal of our program is to teach students to write, speak, listen, and think critically; adapt to a wide range of audiences and cultures; successfully manage personal relationships; work effectively in groups and organizations; and conduct independent research.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Communication Studies Major: 40 Credits

Communication Studies Core: 24 Credits

- COMS 200 - Introduction to Communication Studies (4)
- COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4)
- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- COMS 311 - Rhetorical Criticism (4)
- COMS 321 - Research Methods in Communication (4)
- COMS 491 - Communication Workshop (4)

Communication Studies Electives: 16 Credits (*choose four courses*) *

- COMS 207 - Communication and Race (4)
- COMS 305 - Experiencing Cultural Differences (4)
- COMS 307 - Visual Rhetoric (4)
- COMS 315 - Communication Ethics (4)
- COMS 320 - Legal Communication (4)
- COMS 325 - Small Group Communication (4)
- COMS 340 - Sports Communication (4)
- COMS 342 - Leadership Communication (4)
- COMS 349 - Health Communication (4)
- COMS 363 - Gender Communication (4)

- COMS 401 - The Individual in Society (4)
- COMS 415 - Persuasion (4)
- COMS 417 - Political Communication (4)
- COMS 421 - Communication in Close Relationships (4)
- COMS 424 - Communication Internship (1-4) *
- COMS 435 - Supportive Communication in the Relational Context (4)
- COMS 451 - Organizational Communication (4)
- COMS 453 - Professional Communication (4)
- COMS 455 - Special Topics in Communication (4)
- COMS 456 - Directed Studies (1-4) (if taken for 4 crds total)
- COMS 461 - Communication and Emotion (4)

General Electives: 39 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*COMS 424 (Communication Internship) can be taken with advisor's approval only.

Journalism and Mass Communication Major (BA)

The journalism and mass communication major has four possible concentrations, or tracks: advertising, broadcast and electronic journalism, print journalism, and public relations. JMC students must officially declare a concentration/track.

Admission Requirement

Students wanting to declare JMC as an academic major must have at least a 2.50 GPA for admission and a 2.25 GPA to stay in the program. In the absence of a 2.50 Samford GPA, a 2.50 overall GPA will be considered. If the GPA falls below 2.25, the student will have one semester to increase it to reach 2.25. If the GPA does not meet or exceed 2.25 after one semester, the student will have to change majors.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 110 (4) or higher
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Journalism and Mass Communication Major: 46 Credits

Journalism and Mass Communication Core: 34 Credits

- JMC 200 - Mass Media and Society (4)
- JMC 202 - Introduction to Storytelling (4)
- JMC 303 - Print and Web Storytelling (4)
- JMC 304 - Visual Storytelling for Print and Digital Media (4)
- JMC 305 - Broadcast Storytelling (4)
- JMC 331 - Mass Media Internship (1-4) (2 total credits required)
- JMC 332 - Mass Media Ethics (4)
- JMC 333 - Mass Media Law (4)
- JMC 401 - Senior Thesis (4) or
 - JMC 402 - Applied Communication Research (4)

Journalism and Mass Communication Electives: 4 Credits

(choose one or more courses, totaling 4 credits, that's not part of the core or the chosen concentration)

- JMC 253 - Introduction to Sports Journalism (4)
- JMC 254 - Introduction to Photojournalism (4)
- JMC 307 - Principles of Public Relations (4)
- JMC 311 - Principles of Advertising (4)
- JMC 354 - Sports Public Relations and Advertising (4)
- JMC 355 - Sports Photojournalism (4)
- JMC 356 - Sports Broadcasting (4)
- JMC 373 - Media of Religion (4)
- JMC 380 - Social Media Practices (4)
- JMC 399 - London Study Topics (4)
- JMC 482 - Independent Study (1-4)
- JMC 492 - Special Topics in Mass Media (2-4)

Journalism Concentration: 8 Credits

(Choose one of the tracks below and complete both courses.)

Advertising Track

- JMC 411 - Advertising/Marketing Communication (4)
- JMC 412 - Advertising Practicum II (4)

Broadcast and Electronic Journalism Track

- JMC 421 - Adv Mass Media-Electronic Practicum I (4)
- JMC 422 - Video Practicum II (4)

Print Journalism Track

- JMC 431 - Advanced Mass Media-Print/Web Practicum I (4)
- JMC 432 - Magazine/E-Zine Practicum II (4)

Public Relations Track

- JMC 441 - Public Relations Communication (4)
- JMC 442 - Public Relations Practicum II (4)

General Electives: 33 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Communication Studies Minor

Communication Studies Minor: 20 Credits

Communication Studies Core: 8 Credits

- COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4)
- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)

Communication Studies Electives: 12 Credits (*choose three courses*)

- COMS 207 - Communication and Race (4)
- COMS 305 - Experiencing Cultural Differences (4)
- COMS 307 - Visual Rhetoric (4)
- COMS 315 - Communication Ethics (4)
- COMS 320 - Legal Communication (4)
- COMS 325 - Small Group Communication (4)
- COMS 340 - Sports Communication (4)
- COMS 342 - Leadership Communication (4)
- COMS 349 - Health Communication (4)
- COMS 363 - Gender Communication (4)
- COMS 401 - The Individual in Society (4)
- COMS 415 - Persuasion (4)
- COMS 417 - Political Communication (4)
- COMS 421 - Communication in Close Relationships (4)
- COMS 424 - Communication Internship (1-4) *
- COMS 435 - Supportive Communication in the Relational Context (4)
- COMS 451 - Organizational Communication (4)
- COMS 453 - Professional Communication (4)
- COMS 455 - Special Topics in Communication (4)
- COMS 456 - Directed Studies (1-4) (*if taken for 4 credits total*)
- COMS 461 - Communication and Emotion (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

Film Production Interdisciplinary Minor

The interdisciplinary film production minor, offered in cooperation between the Department of Communication and Media and the Department of Theatre and Dance, allows students to become conversant with the conceptual and practical aspects of visual storytelling. Students will write and edit their own scripts, use digital video cameras to capture scenes, and edit their own projects using high-end software.

Film Production Minor: 22-23 Credits

Film Production Core: 15 Credits

- FLMJ 200 - Introduction to Film Production (4)
- FLMJ 300 - Film Production (4)
- FLMT 310 - Screenwriting (3)
- FLMJ 400 - Documentary Film Production (4) *or*
 - FLMJ 410 - Short Film Production (4)

Film Production Electives: 7-8 Credits (*choose 7-8 credits*)

- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
- FLMJ 341 - Film Production, Technology, and Culture (4)
- FLMT 371 - Acting for the Camera (3)
- POLS 355 - Politics in Film (4)

Total Required Credits: 22-23

Sports Media Minor

The minor in sports media prepares students for a career in the sports industry with applied instruction in all aspects of sports media, including writing for sports, sports broadcasting, public relations and advertising, and sports photojournalism. The minor is open to students from all majors as the courses are designed to apply basic media skills to sports.

Sports Media Minor: 19-20 Credits

Prerequisite to the Sports Media Core: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- JMC 202 - Introduction to Storytelling (4) (JMC Majors)
- JMC 253 - Introduction to Sports Journalism (4) (Non-JMC Majors)

Sport Media Core: 12 Credits

- JMC 354 - Sports Public Relations and Advertising (4)
- JMC 355 - Sports Photojournalism (4)
- JMC 356 - Sports Broadcasting (4)

Sports Media Elective: 3 or 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)
- JMC 492 - Special Topics in Mass Media (2-4) *(topic must have a sports emphasis)*

Total Required Credits: 19-20

English

Faculty

M. Brad Busbee, Chair, Professor
Christopher Metress, University Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

English Major (BA)
English Major w/a Concentration in Film Studies (BA)
English Major w/a Concentration in Writing (BA)

Minors

English Minor
Film and Video Studies Minor
Writing Minor

The Department of English offers a major in English, plus a major in English with one of two concentration options: film studies and writing. All programs lead to a bachelor of arts degree. The department also offers minors in English, film and video studies, and writing.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

English majors cannot use ENGL 205 (Fiction and Film) or ENGL 208 (Christianity and Literature) to meet the general education humanities requirement.

English Major (BA)

The courses listed below are designed to give students both depth and breadth in English literary studies. Students learn the works of individual authors and genres as well as broad literary movements. They demonstrate their ability to research and analyze literature in depth by writing a senior paper in the senior year.

Note: Students may also receive secondary teacher certification by completing additional required credits in education. Contact the chair of the Department of Teacher Education for more information.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

English Major: 44 Credits

English Core: 20 Credits

- ENGL 211 - Introduction to Literature (4) **PLUS,**
Choose THREE survey courses from the following:
 - ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
 - ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
 - ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
 - ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
- AND**
- ENGL 495 - Senior Seminar (4) **

English Electives: 24 Credits

Choose six courses (24 credits total) of English electives not already listed as a requirement for this major.

Of these six courses:

- At least four must be at the 300-level or above
- At least one must focus on literature pre-1800
- At least one must focus on diverse writers
- At least one must be a writing course
- Only one course may be a film elective
- Only one course may be a creative writing elective

NOTE: ENGL 214, ENGL 215, ENGL 216, or ENGL 220 **may** be used to fulfill one of the above elective requirements. However, that course cannot simultaneously fulfill the survey requirement in the English Core.

Literature Electives

- ENGL 200 - Literary London (4)
- ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)
- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
- ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)

- ENGL 306 - Drama (4)
- ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4) *
- ENGL 310 - Literary Theory (4)
- ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)
- ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)
- ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)
- ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)
- ENGL 324 - Early and 19th-Century American Literature (4)
- ENGL 325 - Victorian Literature (4)
- ENGL 326 - Modern British Literature (4)
- ENGL 327 - Modern American Literature (4)
- ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
- ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4)
- ENGL 333 - Internship (4)
- ENGL 336 - History of the Book (4)
- ENGL 375 - Major Authors Seminar (4) *
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)
- ENGL 410 - Senior Thesis (4)
- ENGL 420 - Comparative Literature (4)

Writing Electives

*At least one English elective **must be a writing course.***

- ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4)
- ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)
- ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)
- ENGL 362 - Technical Writing (4)
- ENGL 363 - Legal Writing (4)
- ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)

Diverse Writers

*At least one English elective **must focus on writers whose work engages the question of representation and identity with regards to race, class, ethnicity, ability, gender, etc.***

- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
- ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4)

Pre-1800 Courses

*At least one English elective **must focus on literature written before 1800.** The courses below will consistently **meet** this requirement. Other courses may also meet this requirement depending on the topic.*

- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)
- ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)
- ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)
- ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)

Film Electives

Only one English elective may be a film course

- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
- ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
- FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)
- FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)
- FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

Creative Writing Electives

Only one English elective may be a creative writing course.

- ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*ENGL 309, ENGL 329, ENGL 375, and ENGL 398 are each repeatable up to 8 credits. If taken a second time, the second course can count as an English literature elective.

**ENGL 495 (Senior Seminar) must be taken during the senior year.

English Major w/a Concentration in Film Studies (BA)

The English major with a concentration in film studies combines a foundation in the study of English literature with a strong film studies component. While studying a fundamental literary subject such as Shakespeare, students will learn about the history of cinema and the contributions of influential auteurs, as well as the complex dynamics between film and literature. Students will also have the opportunity to perform in-depth studies of important genres and pivotal movements or nationalities. The study of film necessarily includes reading films critically, researching current scholarship, and writing original arguments. In the fall semester of their senior year, students will demonstrate their knowledge by writing a thesis that features film exclusively or combines film and literature.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

English Major with Film Studies Concentration: 44 Credits

Film Studies Core: 28 Credits

- FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)
 - ENGL 211 - Introduction to Literature (4) **PLUS**
Choose THREE survey courses from the following:
 - ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
 - ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
 - ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
 - ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
- AND**
- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
 - ENGL 495 - Senior Seminar (4) **

Film Studies Electives: 8 Credits

*Of the combined English and Film electives, at least **THREE** courses must be at the 300-level or above.*

Choose at least TWO film course electives:

- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
- FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)
- FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

English Electives: 8 Credits

*Of the combined English and Film electives, at least **THREE** courses must be at the 300-level or above.*

Complete an additional 8 credits of English or Film courses, including one non-creative writing course:

Choose ONE writing course (non-creative):

- ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4)
 - ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)
 - ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)
- Choose at least ONE additional elective:**
- ENGL 200 - Literary London (4)
 - ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
 - ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)
 - ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
 - ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
 - ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
 - ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
 - ENGL 306 - Drama (4)
 - ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4)
 - ENGL 310 - Literary Theory (4)
 - ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
 - ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
 - ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)
 - ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)
 - ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)
 - ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)
 - ENGL 324 - Early and 19th-Century American Literature (4)
 - ENGL 325 - Victorian Literature (4)
 - ENGL 326 - Modern British Literature (4)
 - ENGL 327 - Modern American Literature (4)
 - ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
 - ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4)
 - ENGL 333 - Internship (4)
 - ENGL 335 - Wide Angle Practicum (2)
 - ENGL 336 - History of the Book (4)
 - ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
 - ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)
 - ENGL 375 - Major Authors Seminar (4) *
 - ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)
 - ENGL 420 - Comparative Literature (4)

- FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)
- FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*ENGL 375 is repeatable up to 8 credits. If taken a second time, the second course can count as a general elective.

** ENGL 495 (Senior Seminar) must be taken during the senior year.

English Major w/a Concentration in Writing (BA)

The concentration in writing combines a foundation in the study of English literature with a strong component in professional writing, grammar, editing, and criticism, along with writing poetry, short fiction, and literary nonfiction. Students will learn the history and theory of literary forms alongside the practice of writing. Because the study of writing requires extensive reading, writing students should expect in-depth study of genres and pivotal literary movements, accomplished through survey courses and electives in the English program. In the fall semester of the senior year, students will demonstrate their knowledge by writing a thesis that demonstrates their own skills writing alongside critical study of published authors.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

English Major with Writing Concentration: 44 Credits

Writing Core: 24 Credits

- ENGL 211 - Introduction to Literature (4)
- ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4) **PLUS**
Choose THREE survey courses from the following:
- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
- ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
- AND**
- ENGL 495 - Senior Seminar (4) **

Writing Electives: 12 Credits

Of the combined English and Writing electives, at least FOUR courses must be at the 300-level or above.

Choose THREE writing courses:

- ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- ENGL 333 - Internship (4)
- ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)
- ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)
- ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)

English Electives: 8 Credits

Of the combined English and Writing electives, at least FOUR courses must be at the 300-level or above.

Complete an additional 8 credits of English or Writing courses:

- ENGL 200 - Literary London (4)
- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)
- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
- ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
- ENGL 305 - Novel (4)
- ENGL 306 - Drama (4)
- ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4)
- ENGL 310 - Literary Theory (4)
- ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)
- ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)
- ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)
- ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)
- ENGL 324 - Early and 19th-Century American Literature (4)
- ENGL 325 - Victorian Literature (4)
- ENGL 326 - Modern British Literature (4)
- ENGL 327 - Modern American Literature (4)
- ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
- ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4)
- ENGL 333 - Internship (4)
- ENGL 335 - Wide Angle Practicum (2)
- ENGL 336 - History of the Book (4)

- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
- ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
- ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)
- ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)
- ENGL 375 - Major Authors Seminar (4) *
- ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)
- ENGL 420 - Comparative Literature (4)
- FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*ENGL 375 is repeatable up to 8 credits. If taken a second time, the second course can count as a general elective.

** ENGL 495 (Senior Seminar) must be taken during the senior year.

English Minor

The English minor allows students to study a range of topics according to their interest while building a solid knowledge base in literary analysis, techniques, and traditions. Students in this program build a flexible skill set as clear communicators, creative storytellers, and compassionate citizens, well-prepared for diverse careers and meaningful lives.

English Minor: 20 Credits

English Core: 8 Credits

- ENGL 211 - Introduction to Literature (4)
- **Plus, complete ONE of the following:**
- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
- ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)

English Electives: 12 Credits

*Choose 3-4 or more courses (12 credits total) of English electives, from any of the following subgroups, not already listed as a requirement for this minor, with at least **two** 4-credit courses at the 300- or 400-level.*

Literature Electives

- ENGL 200 - Literary London (4)
- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)
- ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)
- ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)
- ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)
- ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)
- ENGL 306 - Drama (4)
- ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4) *
- ENGL 310 - Literary Theory (4)
- ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)
- ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)
- ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)
- ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)
- ENGL 324 - Early and 19th-Century American Literature (4)
- ENGL 325 - Victorian Literature (4)
- ENGL 326 - Modern British Literature (4)
- ENGL 327 - Modern American Literature (4)
- ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
- ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4) *
- ENGL 333 - Internship (4)
- ENGL 336 - History of the Book (4)
- ENGL 375 - Major Authors Seminar (4) *
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)
- ENGL 410 - Senior Thesis (4)
- ENGL 420 - Comparative Literature (4)

Film Electives

- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
- ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
- FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)
- FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)
- FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

Writing Electives

- ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4)
- ENGL 263 - Tutoring Writing, Public Speaking, and Critical Thinking (0 or 1)
- ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)
- ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)
- ENGL 362 - Technical Writing (4)
- ENGL 363 - Legal Writing (4)
- ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4) *

Creative Writing Electives

- ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- ENGL 335 - Wide Angle Practicum (2)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

*ENGL 309, ENGL 329, ENGL 375, and ENGL 398 are each repeatable up to 8 credits when taken a second time, if the course topic is different.

Film and Video Studies Minor

The film and video studies minor is an interdisciplinary program that brings film studies together with various other fields in the humanities and social sciences. The program provides students with a foundation in the knowledge of film form, film language, and film analysis. Electives enable students to examine film history and film adaptation and to explore the rich interdisciplinary links between cinema and faith, politics, and the representation of world cultures.

Film and Video Studies Minor: 20 Credits

Film and Video Studies Core: 4 Credits

- FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)

English and Film Electives: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)
- ENGL 350 - Film History (4)
- ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)
- FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)
- FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

Film-Related Electives: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- BREL 362 - Religion and Film (4)
- POLS 355 - Politics in Film (4)
- WLAC 405 - World Cinema (4) *(repeatable up to 8 credits)*

Total Required Credits: 20

Writing Minor

The writing minor allows students to study writing as a discipline, a means of self-expression, and an academic and professional tool. Students in the minor will understand the value of writing as a way of learning, develop effective composing strategies, and demonstrate expertise in written discourse for both traditional and electronic formats.

Writing Minor: 20 Credits

Writing Core: 8 Credits

- ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4)
- ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)

Writing Electives: 12 Credits *(choose three courses) **

- ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- ENGL 333 - Internship (4) *
- ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)
- ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)
- ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)
- COMS 311 - Rhetorical Criticism (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

*Internship must focus on writing and/or editing.

Geography and Sociology

Faculty

Jennifer Speights-Binet, Chair, Professor, Geography
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Geography Major (BS)
Geography Major (BS) w/a Concentration in Geographic Information Science (GIS)
Sociology Major (BA)

Minors

Environmental Studies Minor
Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Minor
Sociology Minor
Traditional Geography Minor

Interdisciplinary Major

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major (BA)

Interdisciplinary Minors

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Minor*
Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor*

Certificate

Geographic Information Science Certificate

The Department of Geography and Sociology offers a major in geography plus a major in geography with a concentration in geographic information science (GIS), both leading to a bachelor of science degree. Additionally, the department offers a major in sociology leading to a bachelor of arts degree. A certificate in geographic information science is also available and can be added to any undergraduate program.

The department also offers minors in environmental studies; race, ethnicity, and social justice; sociology; traditional geography; and, in cooperation with other departments, interdisciplinary minors in global studies and Latin American studies. An interdisciplinary major in global studies is also available.*

*The global studies interdisciplinary major and minor are offered in cooperation with the Department of History. The Latin American studies interdisciplinary minor is offered in cooperation with the Department of History and the Department of World Languages and Cultures. See those catalog sections for more information.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Geography majors cannot use geography to satisfy the general education natural and computational science or social science requirement. Sociology majors cannot use SOCI 100 (Introduction to Sociology) to meet the general education social science requirement.

Department Minors

The geography and sociology department strongly recommends that students select a minor.

The department offers two options for a geography-related minor and one for sociology:

- A traditional geography minor for students seeking one to complement history, political science, global studies, international relations, public administration, public health, education, or other disciplines and programs.
- An interdisciplinary environmental studies minor for students interested in the relationship between humans and the environment. Students examine ways that politics, economics, the sciences, history, ethics, and philosophy influence human behavior in the natural world. Students pursuing this program must complete a field-based May or summer term course.
- A sociology minor which offers a foundation in understanding relationships among persons in groups, as well as relations between groups.

Geography majors may complete the environmental studies minor but may not pursue the traditional geography minor. Sociology majors cannot pursue a sociology minor.

Geography Certificate

The geography and sociology department also offers a 16-hour certificate in geographic information science (GIS) which can be incorporated into any major program. The GIS certificate provides a highly marketable set of technical and analytical skills used to gather, manage, and view data about geographic places, analyze spatial relationships, and model spatial processes.

Geography majors may complete the geographic information science certificate.

Geography Major (BS)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Geography Major: 40 Credits

Geography Core: 16 Credits

- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)
- GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography: Understanding Planet Earth (4)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- GEOG 299 - Essentials of Geography and Environmental Studies (4)

Geography Electives: 20 Credits *(choose five courses from the following)*

- GEOG 300-490 (20)

Geography Capstone: 4 Credits

- GEOG 499 - Senior Seminar (4)

General Electives: 39 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Geography Major w/a Conc in Geographic Information Science (GIS) (BS)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Geography Major with GIS Concentration: 48 Credits

Geography Core: 16 Credits

- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)
- GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography: Understanding Planet Earth (4)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- GEOG 299 - Essentials of Geography and Environmental Studies (4)

Geography Electives: 12 Credits *(choose three courses from the following)*

- GEOG 300-490 (12)

GIS Concentration: 16 Credits

- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 416 - Geospatial Analysis (4)
- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)

Geography Capstone: 4 Credits

- GEOG 499 - Senior Seminar (4) *

General Electives: 31 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Projects chosen for Independent Study and Senior Seminar must be GIS-focused.

Sociology Major (BA)

A major in sociology can prepare students for graduate work in sociology and related fields such as social work, law, public health, international relations, labor relations, gerontology, or family counseling. In addition, students can work in a variety of areas including law enforcement, social services, or local, state, and federal government agencies. The degree offers a foundation in understanding the relationships among people in groups, as well as relations between groups.

All sociology majors must complete at least one research paper from each of the two major research methodologies in the field: one qualitative field study and one quantitative study based on computer analysis.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Sociology Major: 40 Credits

Sociology Core: 20 Credits

- SOCI 100 - Introduction to Sociology (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)
- SOCI 315 - Sociological Theory (4)
- SOCI 320 - Research Methods (4)
- SOCI 430 - Senior Seminar (4)

Sociology Electives: 20 Credits*

(choose 20 credits from the following)

- SOCI 101-499 (20)

General Electives: 39 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Cross-listed courses may apply towards the Sociology Electives requirement, even if offered under a different prefix, but cannot simultaneously apply to another major or minor. Cross-listed notes are at the end of the course description.

Environmental Studies Minor

Now more than ever before, environmental issues and conservation efforts are defined by complex interactions between human and environmental systems. The environmental studies minor leverages an interdisciplinary approach toward examining these relationships. In the minor, students explore the many ways in which natural and social sciences, humanities, politics, economics, and ethics shape human interactions with the natural world, and the ways in which the natural world in turn influences these human systems. Students hone their ability to communicate environmental issues and solutions, and they have opportunities to apply their knowledge through local and international field experiences.

Environmental Studies Minor: 20 Credits

Environmental Studies Core: 8 Credits

- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, Regions (4) *or*
 - GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography: Understanding Planet Earth (4)
- GEOG 299 - Essentials of Geography and Environmental Studies (4)

Environmental Studies Electives: 7-8 Credits *(choose two courses/combos for 7-8 credits total)*

- BIOL 117 & BIOL 118 - Contemporary Biology & Lab (3)(1)
- BIOL 319 - Island Ecology (4)
- BIOL 326 - Environmental Science (4) *or*
 - BIOL 436 - Ecology (4)
- BIOL 340 - Amazon Rain Forest (4)
- ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4) *or*
 - ENGL 324 - Early and 19th-Century American Literature (4)
- GEOG 330 - Natural Hazards and Disasters (4)
- GEOG 350 - Coastal and Marine Geography: Modern Marine Science (4)
- GEOG 380/SOCI 380 - Human-Environment Relationships (4)
- GEOG 391 - Exploring North American Landscapes (4)
- GEOG 397 - Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean (4)
- GEOG 480 - Caribbean Field Course: Adventures in SCUBA Diving on Coral Reefs, Coastal Processes, and Island Geography (4)
- GEOG 485 - Landscapes of the American South (4)
- GEOG 490 - Special Topics in Geography (4)
- MARS 406 - Coral Reef Ecology (4)
- PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- SOCI 427 - Sociology and Environment (4)

Environmental Vision & Voice: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4)
- ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- HIST 405 - Digital and Public History (4)

Total Required Credits: 19-20

Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Minor

The minor is for students interested in racial justice and equity. Students will gain knowledge proficiency about the history, social context, political context, and culture of racial and ethnic groups including African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, and other historically marginalized groups. Students choose from areas as varied as sociology, geography, biblical and religious studies, political science, history, communication studies, and more. Students will gain an appreciation for diverse cultures and convictions and learn to interact in ways that demonstrate respect, fairness, and equitable treatment to all. Courses must be taken from at least two different disciplines.

Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Minor: 20 Credits*

Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Core: 4 Credits

(choose one course)

- SOCI 205 - Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations (4) *or*
 - HIST 222 - The African American Experience (4)

Race, Ethnicity, and Social Justice Electives: 16 Credits

*(choose 16 credits)***

- BREL 356 - Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in America (4)
- BREL 365 - Interfaith Understanding: Knowing Our Religious Neighbors (4)
- COMS 305 - Experiencing Cultural Differences (4)
- ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)
- GEOG 370 - Suburban Nation (4)
- GEOG 391 - Exploring North American Landscapes (4)
- HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)
- HIST 222 - The African American Experience (4)
- HIST 337 - History of International Women's Movements (4)
- HIST 350 - Modern Latin America (4)
- HIST 403 - The Civil Rights Movement (4)
- HIST 409 - Alabama and Southern Culture (4)
- HIST 437 - The History of American Women (4)
- HIST 439 - Race and Violence (4)
- PHLT 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- PHLT 475 - Addressing Health Inequities (3)
- POLS 302 - Conflict, Justice, and Peace (4)
- POLS 322 - Latin American Politics (4)
- POLS 332 - Human Rights (4)
- POLS 333 - Genocide (4)
- POLS 363 - Politics of Developing Nations (4)
- POLS 446 - Civil Liberties and Free Speech (4)
- POLS 451 - Forced Migration and Refugees: Law, Policies, and Practice (4)
- SOCI 205 - Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations (4)
- SOCI 305 - Prisons, Punishment, and Power (4)
- SOCI 330 - Sociology of Gender (4)
- SOCI 339 - Sociology of Mental Disorder (4)
- SOCI 403 - Social Class and Inequality (4)
- SOCI 404 - Sociology of Poverty (4)
- SOCI 427 - Sociology and Environment (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

*16 of the 20 credits must be completed at Samford.

**Special Topics and other courses considered upon consultation with the program director.

Sociology Minor

Sociology Minor: 20 Credits

Sociology Electives: 8 Credits

(choose 8 credits, lower or upper level, from the following)

- SOCI 100-499 (8)

Sociology Electives-Upper Level: 12 Credits

(choose 12 upper-level credits from the following)

- SOCI 300-499 (12)

Total Required Credits: 20

Traditional Geography Minor

The traditional geography minor is ideal for students seeking to complement a major in history, political science, global studies, international relations, public administration, public health, education, or other disciplines and programs.

Geography Minor: 20 Credits

Geography Core: 8 Credits

- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)
- GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography: Understanding Planet Earth (4)

Geography Electives: 12 Credits

(choose three additional geography courses, with two at the 300/400 level)

- GEOG 200-299 (0-4)
- GEOG 300-499 (8-12)

Total Required Credits: 20

Geographic Information Science (GIS) Certificate (CRT)

The Geography and Sociology Department offers a 16-hour certificate in geographic information science (GIS) which can be incorporated into any major program. The GIS certificate provides a highly marketable set of technical and analytical skills used to gather, manage, and view data about geographic places, analyze spatial relationships, and model spatial processes.

Geographic Information Science (GIS) Certificate: 16 Credits

Geography Core: 12 Credits

- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 416 - Geospatial Analysis (4)

Computer Science/Mathematics/Sociology Elective: 4 Credits

(choose one course from the following)

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4) *or*
 - *An upper-level quantitative course, upon approval*

Total Required Credits: 16

History

Faculty

Jonathan J. Den Hartog, Chair, Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

History Major (BA)
Law and History Major (BA)

Minors

Asian Studies Minor
History Minor

Interdisciplinary Concentrations/Majors

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major (BA)
International Relations Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

Interdisciplinary Minors

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

The Department of History offers a major in history, plus a major in law and history. The department also offers minors in Asian studies and history.

In cooperation with several academic departments across campus, the history department also offers interdisciplinary concentrations/majors in global studies, international relations*, plus interdisciplinary minors in global studies and Latin American studies*.

All majors and interdisciplinary concentrations/majors earn a bachelor of arts (BA) degree. The department offers several scholarships and awards to history and global studies majors. For more information, students should contact the department.

*See the Department of Political Science section for the international relations curriculum table. See the Department of World Languages and Cultures for the Latin American studies minor table.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

History or law and history majors, and students in the global studies or international relations interdisciplinary concentrations/majors, cannot use HIST 200 (World History since 1500) or HIST 217 (Early America) to meet the general education humanities requirement.

History Major (BA)

A history major prepares students for a broad range of careers in business, law, education, religion, communications, government service (both domestic and foreign), and other professions. It is excellent preparation for graduate study in history and for professional schools such as business administration and law. As a traditional major for students planning legal careers, the department offers students a strong background in western and non-western institutions and values.

The major also provides subject preparation for those seeking a career in education. History majors who wish to obtain certification for secondary teaching must meet additional requirements through the Orlean Beeson School of Education. The student's degree affiliation remains in Arts and Sciences, and he or she must meet all University Core Curriculum and General Education Distribution Requirements imposed by the bachelor of arts.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

History Major: 44 Credits

I. Foundations: 16 Credits

- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- HIST 218 - Modern America (4)
- HIST 300 - The Historian's Craft (4)

II. Advanced Surveys and Special Studies: 24 Credits*

(choose six upper-level courses, excl HIST 495)

- HIST 300-499 (24)

III. Capstone: 4 Credits

- HIST 495 - Senior Seminar (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*With some exceptions, 300-level courses are European and American period courses; 400-level courses are normally area studies or topical courses. Students should consult with their advisors to achieve a suitable balance of 300- and 400-level courses.

Law and History Major (BA)

The Department of History is pleased to offer a major in law and history. Students who plan to practice in almost any area of law, as well as those interested in the academic study of legal history, have much to gain from a law and history major. The study of law in historical, philosophical, and literary contexts provides a rich foundation for both practice and scholarship in all fields of law. The major is a humanities-based program about law rather than vocational training in law. Recognizing the critical role that law plays in society, students in legal studies examine the ways people in different cultures and historical periods have used the law and understood its purposes. The program also offers students a chance to examine the law and its relationship to the larger world of social movements, economic change, political upheaval, and intellectual trends—within a liberal arts context. Courses focus on several areas of humanities-based study, as recommended by the American Bar Association (ABA): A broad understanding of history, a fundamental understanding of politics, a basic understanding of human behavior and social interaction, and an understanding of diverse cultures within and beyond the United States, of international institutions and issues, of world events, and of the increasing interdependence of the nations and communities within our world. Students will work with an advisor in the history department to select general education courses, major courses, and electives which will prepare them to benefit fully from a challenging legal education. Students are required to complete a Legal Studies Internship (HIST 471).

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Law and History Major: 49-52 Credits

I. Foundations: 16 Credits

- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- HIST 218 - Modern America (4)
- HIST 300 - The Historian's Craft (4)

II. Advanced Surveys and Special Studies: 20 Credits*

(choose five courses at the 300/400 level, excluding HIST 495 and HIST 497)

- HIST 301-499 (20)

III. Legal Studies: 8 Credits** *(choose two courses)*

- HIST 301 - American Revolution and Early Republic (4)
- HIST 315 - American Intellectual History (4)
- HIST 403 - The Civil Rights Movement (4)
- HIST 439 - Race and Violence (4)
- HIST 440 - Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions (4)
- HIST 444 - Law and Society (4)
- HIST 445 - American Constitutional History (4)
- HIST 447 - Development of American Law (4)

IV. Professional Experience: 1-4 Credits

(choose one course)

- HIST 471 - Legal Studies Internship (2-4) *or*
- HIST 475 - Law and History Professional Seminar (1)

V. Capstone: 4 Credits

- HIST 495 - Senior Seminar (4)

General Electives: 27-30 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*With some exceptions, 300-level courses are European and American period courses; 400-level courses are normally area studies or topical courses. Students should consult with their advisors to achieve a suitable balance of 300- and 400-level courses.

**In consultation with an advisor, students may substitute other courses with a legal focus.

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major (BA)

The global studies interdisciplinary major equips students with the research and critical thinking skills that can be employed in a variety of professions. In particular, students learn to assess and solve problems by taking a comparative approach and accounting for multiple perspectives. This approach is invaluable to work in law, politics, nonprofit and business administration, journalism, and vocational missions. Training in complex global processes gives students a particular understanding of the importance of remaining adaptable and teachable skills that continue to serve them professionally as they enter a job market that globalization will shape throughout their professional lives. The major is popular with students who want to pursue a variety of post-graduate options both in the United States and abroad. Students receive a well-rounded liberal arts education degree that will help prepare them for a variety of careers in the international arena. Alumni have left Samford for careers and fellowships in law, international development, journalism, business, teaching, and government. The major allows students to study the development of culture broadly and the emphasis on language acquisition assists graduates in finding interesting and diverse job opportunities. Our alumni are successful professionals and engage global issues creatively on local, national, and international levels.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major: 44 Credits

Global Studies Foundation Courses: 12 Credits

- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- GLST 201 - Introduction to Global Studies (4)
- GLST 300 - Our Globalized World (4) *or*
 - HIST 300 - The Historian's Craft (4)

Upper-Level Courses: 24 Credits

- Four courses in History (all courses must have a global focus) (16)
- Two globally focused courses in one or more of the following depts: Geography, Political Science, World Languages & Cultures (8)

Experiential Learning: 4 Credits

Choose one of the following options:

- HIST 470 - Internship (1-4) *or*
 - HIST 473 - Civic Engagement Internship (2-4) (*take internship for 4 total credits*)
- OR*
- Upper-level global course in a study abroad program (4)
- Upper-level global course as part of obtaining one of the following minors: FREN, GER, LAST, SPAN, WLAC, ENTR, GBUS, or SONM or the GIS Certificate (4)

Capstone: 4 Credits

- HIST 495 - Senior Seminar (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Asian Studies Minor

The Asian studies minor serves two groups of students. The first are global studies majors who desire to highlight their specialty in Asia. The second are non-global studies majors who have an interest in both Asian history and language. In contrast to the Asian studies concentration, students must demonstrate proficiency in an Asian language.

Asian Studies Minor: 20-36 Credits

Asian Studies Language: 0-16 Credits*

Elementary Asian Language: 4-8 Credits

Choose from Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or another approved Asian language. Complete 101 and 102 of the same language.

- CHIN 101 - Elementary Chinese I (4)
- CHIN 102 - Elementary Chinese II (4)
- JAPN 101 - Elementary Japanese I (4)
- JAPN 102 - Elementary Japanese II (4)
- KORE 101 - Elementary Korean I (4)
- KORE 102 - Elementary Korean II (4)

Intermediate Asian Language: 4-8 Credits

Choose from Chinese, Japanese, Korean, or another approved Asian language. Complete 201-202 (or higher) of the same language.

- CHIN 201 - Intermediate Chinese I (4)
- CHIN 202 - Intermediate Chinese II (4)
- CHIN 205 - Intermediate Chinese III (4)
- CHIN 206 - Intermediate Chinese IV (4)
- JAPN 201 - Intermediate Japanese I (4)
- JAPN 202 - Intermediate Japanese II (4)
- JAPN 205 - Intermediate Japanese III (4)
- JAPN 206 - Intermediate Japanese IV (4)
- KORE 201 - Intermediate Korean I (4)
- KORE 202 - Intermediate Korean II (4)
- KORE 205 - Intermediate Korean III (4)
- KORE 206 - Intermediate Korean IV (4)

Asian Studies Core: 12 Credits

- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- HIST 342 - Modern China (4)
- HIST 440 - Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions (4)

Asian Studies Electives: 8 Credits

- HIST 343 - Modern Japan (4)
- HIST course with Asian focus (4)

Total Required Credits: 20-36

* Subject to advisor's approval, students may meet this requirement by passing a placement exam or by transfer credits.

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

This unique minor equips students with a broad historical, cultural, and geographical understanding of the contemporary global context and its implications for human experience and action. It will help students gain a deeper knowledge and understanding of cultures other than their own and will also equip students with critical tools in analysis, criticism, and communication that they can use to assess and navigate cultural differences.

Global Studies Minor: 20 Credits

Global Studies Foundation Courses: 8 Credits

- GLST 201 - Introduction to Global Studies (4)
- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)

Upper-Level Courses: 12 Credits

Complete the following for 12 total credits:

- Two courses in History (all courses must have a global focus) (8)
- One globally focused course in one of the following departments:
Geography & Sociology, Political Science, World Languages & Cultures (4)

Total Required Credits: 20

History Minor

History Minor: 24 Credits

History Core: 12 Credits

- HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- HIST 218 - Modern America (4)

History Electives: 12 Credits

(choose three or more upper-level courses for a total of 12 credits)

- HIST 300-499 (12)

Total Required Credits: 24

Mathematics and Computer Science

Faculty

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Computer Science Major (BS)
Computer Science Major (BS) w/a Concentration in Computer Engineering
Computer Science Major (BS) w/a Concentration in Cybersecurity
Computer Science Major (BS) w/a Concentration in Software Engineering
Mathematics Major (BS)
Mathematics Major (BS) w/a Concentration in Data Science

Minors

Computer Science Minor
Data Science Minor
Mathematics Minor

Interdisciplinary Minors

Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines
Bioinformatics Minor for Computer Science Majors
Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science offers two majors: mathematics and computer science, both leading to a bachelor of science degree. The computer science major also has three concentration options: computer engineering, cybersecurity, and software engineering, while the mathematics major has a concentration option in data science.

The department also offers four minors: computer science, data science, mathematics, and an interdisciplinary minor in bioinformatics, offered in cooperation with the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. The bioinformatics minor is available in three variations, depending on the student's major: one for biology or biochemistry majors, one for computer science majors, and one for majors in other disciplines.

*See the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences for program requirements for the bioinformatics minor for biology and biochemistry majors.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Note: Any math course taken to meet requirements for a major or minor in the department may also be used to meet the general education mathematics requirement.

Computer Science Major (BS)

The computer science major exposes students to a broad range of computing topics, including software development, database management, hardware architecture, and operating systems, while also giving them the opportunity to explore additional topics in computer science, such as artificial intelligence, bioinformatics, cybersecurity, and game design. Students have the option to complete a broad-based computer science degree or to specify a concentration in cybersecurity, software engineering, or computer engineering technology. Consult the department website (<https://www.samford.edu/arts-and-sciences/math-and-computer-science/>) or contact the department directly for details.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Computer Science Major: 60 Credits

Computer Science: 40 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- COSC 305 - Computer Organization and Architecture (4)
- COSC 310 - Advanced Programming Concepts (4)
- COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)
- COSC 320 - Software Development (4)
- COSC 325 - Principles of Programming Languages (4)
- COSC 335 - Operating Systems (4)
- COSC 490 - Senior Seminar (2)
- COSC 491 - Senior Project (2)

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)

Computer Science Electives: 16 Credits *(choose 16 credits from the following)*

- COSC 200-499 (any COSC course not already required in the Computer Science Core) *
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 305 - Statistical Modeling (4)
- MATH 320 - Numerical Analysis (4)
- MATH 340 - Linear Algebra (4)
- MATH 370 - Mathematical Statistics (4)

General Electives: 19 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* At least 4 COSC elective credits must be at the 400-level. Only 8 credits of COSC 410 (Computer Science Research/Internship) may count for COSC elective credit.

Computer Science Major w/a Concentration in Computer Engineering (BS)

The concentration in computer engineering provides students with a solid foundation in the principles of computer hardware, digital systems, and the integration of hardware and software. This program prepares students to address complex engineering problems, innovate in the creation of new technologies, and work effectively within multidisciplinary teams. Graduates are equipped to pursue careers in hardware design, systems integration, and embedded systems engineering, while upholding the highest standards of professional ethics and technical competence.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Computer Science Major w/Computer Engineering Concentration: 52 Credits

Computer Engineering Core: 36 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- COSC 250 - Logic Design (4)
- COSC 305 - Computer Organization and Architecture (4)
- COSC 320 - Software Development (4)
- COSC 325 - Principles of Programming Languages (4)
- COSC 335 - Operating Systems (4)
- COSC 490 - Senior Seminar (2)
- COSC 491 - Senior Project (2)

Mathematics and Physics: 16 Credits

- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- PHYS 200 - Introduction to Engineering (4) *(coming soon)*
- PHYS 334 - Electronics (4)
- PHYS 335 - Digital Electronics and Circuits (4)

General Electives: 25 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Only 8 credits of COSC 410 - Computer Science Research/Internship (1-4) may count for COSC elective credit.

Computer Science Major w/a Concentration in Cybersecurity (BS)

The concentration in cybersecurity equips students with skills in threats, vulnerabilities, basic cyber defense mechanisms, encryption, authentication, and security policies. In upper-level cybersecurity courses, students receive targeted training in Security Management (risk assessment, policy, and regulatory compliance), Cyber Engineering (secure system design and configuration management), and Cyber Operations (incident response, threat detection, and security monitoring). Hands-on labs and real-world security incident analyses are woven throughout the curriculum.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Computer Science Major w/Cybersecurity Concentration: 60 Credits

Computer Science Core: 36 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- COSC 305 - Computer Organization and Architecture (4)
- COSC 310 - Advanced Programming Concepts (4)
- COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)
- COSC 320 - Software Development (4)
- COSC 335 - Operating Systems (4)
- COSC 490 - Senior Seminar (2)
- COSC 491 - Senior Project (2)

Cybersecurity Core: 20 Credits

- COSC 240 - Introduction to Cybersecurity (4)
- COSC 340 - Cybersecurity Governance, Risk, and Compliance (4)
- COSC 345 - Networking (4)
- COSC 440 - Cybersecurity Engineering (4)
- COSC 445 - Cybersecurity Operations (4)

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)

General Electives: 19 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Computer Science Major w/a Concentration in Software Engineering (BS)

The concentration in software engineering equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue careers as software engineers. Students gain experience in software design, development, life-cycle activities, human-computer interaction, and testing of systems. They also develop skills to communicate effectively with diverse audiences and assume leadership roles in software development organizations while adhering to professional standards.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Computer Science Major w/Software Engineering Concentration: 60 Credits

Computer Science Core: 40 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- COSC 305 - Computer Organization and Architecture (4)
- COSC 310 - Advanced Programming Concepts (4)
- COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)
- COSC 320 - Software Development (4)
- COSC 325 - Principles of Programming Languages (4)
- COSC 335 - Operating Systems (4)
- COSC 490 - Senior Seminar (2)
- COSC 491 - Senior Project (2)

Mathematics: 4 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)

Software Engineering Core: 8 Credits

- COSC 330 - Software Design (4)
- COSC 420 - Software Project Management (4)

Software Engineering Electives: 8 Credits *(choose 4 credits from the following)*

- COSC 240 - Introduction to Cybersecurity (4)
- COSC 340 - Cybersecurity Governance, Risk, and Compliance (4)
- COSC 345 - Networking (4)
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- **PLUS** Choose 4 credits from the following:
- COSC 200-499 (any COSC course not already required in the Computer Science or Software Engineering Core)

General Electives: 19 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Only 8 credits of COSC 410 (Computer Science Research/Internship) may count for COSC elective credit.

Mathematics Major (BS)

The department strongly recommends that students planning on graduate studies in mathematics take MATH 430 - Abstract Algebra (4) and MATH 440 - Introductory Real Analysis (4). Such students are likely to take at least one or two courses more than the minimum requirement for the major.

Note: Students may also receive secondary teacher certification by completing additional required credits in education. Contact the chair of the Department of Teacher Education for more information.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Mathematics Major: 44 Credits

Mathematics Core: 32 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)
- MATH 280 - Introduction to Advanced Mathematics (4)
- MATH 330 - Differential Equations (4)
- MATH 340 - Linear Algebra (4)
- MATH 430 - Abstract Algebra (4) *or*
 - MATH 440 - Introductory Real Analysis (4)
- MATH 485 - Senior Seminar (2)
- MATH 495 - Senior Project (2)

Mathematics Upper-Level Electives: 8 Credits

(choose 8 credits from the following; 4 credits must be at the 400-level)

- MATH 300-399 (0-4)
- MATH 400-499 (4-8)

Computational Science: 4 Credits *(choose one of the following)*

- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 215 - Applied Probability Theory (4)
- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Mathematics Major w/a Concentration in Data Science (BS)

The mathematics major (BS) with a concentration in data science equips students with skills in data-oriented programming languages, visualization software, data mining, data modeling, natural language processing, and machine learning to extract and analyze information from large structured and unstructured datasets.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Mathematics Major w/Data Science Concentration: 47-50 Credits

Data Science Core: 38 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 215 - Applied Probability Theory (4)
- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- MATH 305 - Statistical Modeling (4)
- MATH 340 - Linear Algebra (4)
- MATH 405 - Data Science Practicum (4)
- MATH 498 - Internship (1 to 4)

Data Science Electives: 9-12 Credits *(choose three courses from the following)*

- Any MATH course above MATH 240
- Any COSC course above COSC 200
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- DATA 421 - Data Visualization for Business Analytics (3)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 416 - Geospatial Analysis (4)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HIIM 401 - Introduction to Health Analytics (3)
- HIIM 402 - Health Data Mining and Analytics (3)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)
- SOCI 302 - Social Relationships and Networks (4)

General Electives: 29-32 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Bioinformatics Minor for Computer Science Majors

The bioinformatics minor is an interdisciplinary program merging insights and techniques from the fields of biology, computer science, mathematics, and information technology. Computational methods lead to the discovery of new biological insights and the creation of global perspectives from which to discover unifying principles in biology, pharmacology, and medicine.

Three versions of the bioinformatics minor are available. Students majoring in computer science should follow the table below. Students majoring in biology or biochemistry should follow the table as seen in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences section. Students majoring in a discipline other than those noted above should follow the table for Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines.

Bioinformatics Minor for Computer Science Majors: 24 Credits

Biology Core: 12 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 405 - Cell and Molecular Biology (4)

Biology Elective: 4 Credits *(choose one course from the following, preferably an experimental course)*

- BIOL 300-499 (4)

Bioinformatics: 8 Credits

- BIOL 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4) *or*
 - COSC 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)
- BIOL 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4) *or*
 - COSC 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4)

Mathematics (see note)

Students must meet math requirements for any course listed above.

Total Required Credits: 24

NOTE: Computer science majors may only use one bioinformatics course—COSC 306/BIOL 306 or COSC 407/BIOL 407—to count towards both the computer science major and the bioinformatics minor requirements.

Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines

The bioinformatics minor is an interdisciplinary program merging insights and techniques from the fields of biology, computer science, mathematics, and information technology. Computational methods lead to the discovery of new biological insights and the creation of global perspectives from which to discover unifying principles in biology, pharmacology, and medicine.

Three versions of the bioinformatics minor are available. Students majoring in biology or biochemistry should follow the table as seen in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. Students majoring in computer science should follow the table as seen in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science section. Students in any other discipline should follow the table below.

Bioinformatics Minor for Majors in Other Disciplines: 24-32 Credits

Biology Core: 4-12 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- BIOL 405 - Cell and Molecular Biology (4)
- OR****
- BIOL elective(s), if core satisfied by another major/minor (4-8)

Computer Science Core: 4-12 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- OR****
- COSC elective(s), if core satisfied by another major/minor (4-8)

Bioinformatics: 8 Credits

- BIOL 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4) *or*
 - COSC 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)
- BIOL 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4) *or*
 - COSC 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4)

Mathematics (see note)

Students must meet math requirements for any course listed above.

Total Required Credits: 24-32

*For students majoring in a discipline other than biology, biochemistry, or computer science.

**The bioinformatics minor requires completion of a minimum of 24 credits in biology and computer science beyond what may already be required for the student's major or for another minor. Courses required in this minor may also be counted towards the student's major or another minor but at least 4 biology credits and 4 computer science credits must be completed exclusively for this minor. Students satisfying core requirements in both biology and computer science would take two additional courses in each area. Additional BIOL courses (if needed) are selected at the 300 or 400-level; additional COSC courses (if needed) are selected from the following: COSC 315, COSC 325, COSC 420, COSC 460, and COSC 470.

Computer Science Minor

Computer Science Minor: 24 Credits

Computer Science Core: 16 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)
- COSC 310 - Advanced Programming Concepts (4)

Computer Science Electives: 8 Credits

(choose two courses from the following)

- COSC 200-499 (8)

Total Required Credits: 24

Data Science Minor

Data Science Minor: 21-24 Credits

Data Science Core: 12 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 305 - Statistical Modeling (4)

Data Science Electives: 9-12 Credits *(choose three courses from the following)*

- Any MATH course at or above MATH 215
- Any COSC course at or above COSC 200
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- DATA 421 - Data Visualization for Business Analytics (3)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)
- GEOG 416 - Geospatial Analysis (4)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HIIM 401 - Introduction to Health Analytics (3)
- HIIM 402 - Health Data Mining and Analytics (3)
- SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)
- SOCI 302 - Social Relationships and Networks (4)

Total Required Credits: 21-24

Mathematics Minor

Mathematics Minor: 24 Credits

Mathematics Core: 16 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)
- MATH 280 - Introduction to Advanced Mathematics (4)

Mathematics Upper-Level Elective: 4 Credits *(choose one course from the following)*

- MATH 300-499 (4)

Computational Science: 4 Credits *(choose one of the following)*

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)
- MATH 215 - Applied Probability Theory (4)

Total Required Credits: 24

Physics

Faculty

Don H. Olive, Chair, Professor, Director of Christenberry Planetarium
Scott E. Bustabad, Assistant Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Engineering Physics Major (BS)
Physics Major (BA)
Physics Major (BS)

Minor

Physics Minor

The Department of Physics offers a full array of theoretical, experimental, and applied physics courses leading to either a degree in physics (BA/BS), or engineering physics (BS). We also offer opportunities to collaborate directly with faculty members on research and the design of and building of research equipment in our machine shop and labs.

To obtain a major in physics or engineering physics, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.50 in mathematics and physics courses.

Students interested in pursuing a career in physics or engineering, and taking basic courses in the fields of mathematics, physics, computer science, and chemistry are well prepared for graduate programs upon graduation, or transfer to any engineering school. At Samford, students can complete half the curriculum required in any of the following fields of engineering: mechanical, electrical, civil, chemical, highway, and aeronautical. Interested students are advised to check with several engineering schools to determine which Samford courses would transfer directly.

A dual-degree option is allowed for those that transfer whereby upon completion of a BS from an accredited engineering school, credit can be awarded at Samford for the completion of a BS in engineering physics.

The department also offers a minor in physics.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

For a major or minor in physics or a major in engineering physics, the general education mathematics requirement is satisfied by MATH 240 (Calculus I). For a major in physics or engineering physics, the general education natural and computational sciences requirement is satisfied by CHEM 205 (Foundations of Chemistry) and its associated laboratory CHEM 206. Physics and engineering physics majors cannot use COSC 107 (Introduction to Computer Science) to fulfill this requirement.

Engineering Physics Major (BS)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 24 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (5 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Engineering Physics Major: 53-54 Credits

Physics Core: 32 Credits

- PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- PHYS 310 - Mechanics I (3)
- PHYS 330 - Electricity and Magnetism I (3)
- PHYS 380 - Theoretical Methods in Physics and Engineering (3)
- PHYS 390 - Computational Methods (3)
- PHYS 420 - Thermal Physics (4)
- PHYS 422 - Advanced Laboratory 1 (2)
- PHYS 432 - Advanced Laboratory 2 (2)
- PHYS 491 - Seminar (1) (*complete twice*)

Physics Electives: 9-10 Credits

Choose three upper-level courses with lab, if offered, from the following. Note that these can be upper-level engineering courses taken at other schools. See department chair for details.

- PHYS 300-499 (9-10)

Mathematics Core: 12 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) (see Gen Ed-Math above)
- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)
- MATH 330 - Differential Equations (4)

General Electives: 28-29 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Physics Major (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 24 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (5 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Physics Major (Bachelor of Arts): 46-47 Credits

Physics Core: 31 Credits

- PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- PHYS 310 - Mechanics I (3)
- PHYS 330 - Electricity and Magnetism I (3)
- PHYS 350 - Modern Physics I (3)
- PHYS 380 - Theoretical Methods in Physics and Engineering (3)
- PHYS 390 - Computational Methods (3)
- PHYS 422 - Advanced Laboratory 1 (2)
- PHYS 432 - Advanced Laboratory 2 (2)
- PHYS 491 - Seminar (1) (complete twice) *

Physics Elective: 3-4 Credits

(choose one upper-level course with lab, if offered, from the following)

- PHYS 300-499 (3-4)

Mathematics Core: 12 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) (see Gen Ed-Math above)
- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)
- MATH 330 - Differential Equations (4)

General Electives (must be 300/400 level): 35-36 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*PHYS 499 (Senior Thesis) may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Physics Major (BS)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 24 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (5 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Physics Major (Bachelor of Science): 54-56 Credits

Physics Core: 35-36 Credits

- PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)
- PHYS 310 - Mechanics I (3)
- PHYS 330 - Electricity and Magnetism I (3)
- PHYS 350 - Modern Physics I (3)

- PHYS 380 - Theoretical Methods in Physics and Engineering (3)
- PHYS 390 - Computational Methods (3)
- PHYS 420 - Thermal Physics (4)
- PHYS 422 - Advanced Laboratory 1 (2)
- PHYS 454 - Quantum Mechanics (3) (*see note*) *
- PHYS 491 - Seminar (1) (*complete twice*) **

Physics Elective: 3-4 Credits

(choose one upper-level course with lab, if offered, from the following)

- PHYS 300-499 (3-4)

Mathematics Core: 12 Credits

- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) (*see Gen Ed-Math above*)
- MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)
- MATH 330 - Differential Equations (4)

Mathematics Elective: 4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- MATH 280 - Introduction to Advanced Mathematics (4)
- MATH 320 - Numerical Analysis (4)
- MATH 340 - Linear Algebra (4)
- MATH 350 - Vector Calculus (4)
- MATH 360 - Complex Variables (4)

General Electives: 26-28 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*PHYS 432 (Advanced Lab 2) (2) may be used to fulfill this requirement.

**PHYS 499 (Senior Thesis) may be used to fulfill this requirement.

Physics Minor

Physics Minor: 19-20 Credits

Physics Core: 10 Credits

- PHYS 203 - Physics I (5) *
- PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)

Physics Electives: 9-10 Credits

(choose three upper-level courses with lab, if offered, from the following)

- PHYS 300-499 (9-10)

Total Required Credits: 19-20

* PHYS 203 may also satisfy the general education natural and computational science requirement.

Political Science

Faculty

David Holcomb, Chair, Professor
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Serena Simoni, Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Political Science Major (BA)

Minor

Political Science Minor

Interdisciplinary Concentrations

International Relations Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)
Law, Politics, & Society Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)
Public Administration Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

Interdisciplinary Minor

Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

The Department of Political Science offers both a major and minor in political science.

In cooperation with several academic departments across campus, the political science department also offers interdisciplinary concentrations in international relations; law, politics, and society; and public administration; as well as an interdisciplinary minor in Latin American studies*.

All majors and interdisciplinary concentrations earn a bachelor of arts degree.

*See the Department of World Languages and Cultures section for the Latin American studies minor table.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Political science majors and law, politics, and society majors cannot use POLS 200 (Power and Politics) for the general education social science requirement.

Political Science Major (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Political Science Major: 44 Credits

I. Foundation Courses: 20 Credits

- POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)
- POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)
- POLS 210 - Introduction to World Politics (4)
- POLS 301 - Methods and Practice of Political Science (4)
- POLS 460 - Internship (2-4) *(take for a total of 4 credits)*

II. Political Science Electives: 20 Credits*

(choose five upper-level courses from the following)

- POLS 300-499 (20)

III. Capstone: 4 Credits

- POLS 465 - Senior Seminar in Political Science (4) **

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*No more than 8 credits of POLS electives can be shared among IREL, LAWP, PADM, and POLS majors.

**Prereq for POLS 465 is POLS 301.

International Relations Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

International relations is an interdisciplinary concentration based in the Department of Political Science, drawing on courses offered in numerous departments across campus. It has a required set of courses in the disciplines of political science, history, world languages, and economics. It also requires that one course have an international studies component.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Note: Gen Ed Social Science requirement excludes ECON 201 as an option, since course already required in the major.

International Relations Interdisciplinary Conc: 45-47 Credits

International Relations Foundation Courses: 23 Credits

- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- POLS 210 - Introduction to World Politics (4)
- POLS 301 - Methods and Practice of Political Science (4)
- POLS 319 - International Relations (4)
- POLS 465 - Senior Seminar in Political Science (4) *
- One 4-credit world language course at the 300-400 level (4)

Political Science Electives: 16 Credits *(choose four upper-level courses)*

- POLS 302 - Conflict, Justice, and Peace (4)
- POLS 310 - U. S. Foreign Policy (4)
- POLS 313 - International Organization (4)
- POLS 321 - Russian Politics (4)
- POLS 322 - Latin American Politics (4)
- POLS 332 - Human Rights (4)
- POLS 333 - Genocide (4)
- POLS 348 - Riots, Rebellion, and Revolution (4)
- POLS 351 - European Politics (4)
- POLS 352 - Italian Politics (4)
- POLS 355 - Politics of Film (4)
- POLS 363 - Politics of Developing Nations (4)
- POLS 370 - Men and Women in War and Peace (4)
- POLS 396 - Asian Politics (4)
- POLS 449 - International Law (4)
- POLS 450 - Law and the World (4)
- POLS 451 - Forced Migration and Refugees: Law, Policies, and Practice (4)
- POLS 460 - Internship (2-4) *(take for 4 credits)*
- POLS 462 - International Studies (4)
- POLS 499 - Special Topics in Political Science (4) *(topic must have an international relations focus)*

International Relations Electives: 6-8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- BREL 352 - Global Christianity (4)
- BREL 366 - Women and Religion (4)
- COMS 417 - Political Communication (4)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 301 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)
- GEOG 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)
- GEOG 392 - Geographies of Africa (4)
- HIST 333 - Foundations of Islamic Civilization (4)
- HIST 335 - Modern Middle East (4)
- HIST 375 - The United States in the World (4)
- Two 4-credit world language courses at the 300-400 level (8)

General Electives: 32-34 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Prereq for POLS 465 is POLS 301. Recommended Prereqs are POLS 210 and POLS 319.

**No more than 8 credits of POLS electives can be shared among IREL, LAW, PADM, and POLS majors.

Law, Politics, and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

Law, politics, and society, an interdisciplinary concentration offered in cooperation with schools and departments from across the university, combines knowledge from the worlds of law, politics, and a wide variety of other areas. It focuses on the role of law in local, national, and international society, and is intended for students who are interested in studying the law and pursuing a career in law-related fields.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Law, Politics, and Society Interdisciplinary Concentration: 48-49 Credits

Law, Politics, and Society Core: 21 Credits

- POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)
- POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)
- POLS 301 - Methods and Practice of Political Science (4)
- POLS 460 - Internship (2-4) (*in a law-related office; take for 4 credits*)
- POLS 465 - Senior Seminar in Political Science (4) *
- PLAW 100 - Mock Trial (1)

Law and Politics Electives: 16 Credits (*choose four additional courses from the following*) **

- POLS 300-499 (16)

Law and Society Electives: 11-12 Credits (*choose three courses*)

- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- COMS 320 - Legal Communication (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HIST 403 - The Civil Rights Movement (4)
- HIST 445 - American Constitutional History (4)
- HIST 447 - The Development of American Law (4)
- JMC 333 - Mass Media Law (4)
- PHIL 314 - Philosophical Ethics (4)
- PHIL 351 - Logic (4)
- SOCI 305 - Prisons, Punishment, and Power (4)
- SOCI 343 - Criminology (4)
- SOCI 404 - Sociology of Poverty (4)

General Electives: 31-32 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Prereq for POLS 465 is POLS 301.

**No more than 8 credits of POLS electives can be shared among IREL, LAWP, PADM, and POLS majors.

Public Administration Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

Public administration, an interdisciplinary concentration offered in cooperation with the Brock School of Business, combines knowledge and experience from the worlds of politics and business. It includes a mandatory political science internship. As the table below demonstrates, it provides students with a broad array of courses from the political science department and the Brock School of Business.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Note: Gen Ed Social Science req excludes ECON 201 as an option, since that is already required for the major.

Public Administration Interdisciplinary Concentration: 45 Credits

Political Science Core: 24 Credits

- POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)
- POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)
- POLS 301 - Methods and Practice of Political Science (4)
- POLS 316 - Public Administration (4)
- POLS 460 - Internship (2-4) (*graded pass/fail*)
- POLS 465 - Senior Seminar in Political Science (4) *

Political Science Electives: 12 Credits (*choose three courses*)

- POLS 312 - State and Local Government (4)
- POLS 340 - Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)
- POLS 398 - The Alabama Constitution and Politics (4)
- POLS 430 - Politics of Education (4)
- POLS 435 - Legislative Process (4)
- POLS 436 - The Executive Branch (4)
- POLS 437 - Judicial Politics and Courts (4)
- POLS 443 - American Public Policy (4)
- POLS 454 - Current Controversies in Public Policy and the Law (4)
- POLS 458 - Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (4)
- POLS 461 - Research and Writing (4)

Business: 9 Credits* *(choose three courses)*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- HCAD 424 - Health Policy and Politics (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)

General Electives: 34 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Prereq for POLS 465 is POLS 301.

**No more than 8 credits of POLS electives can be shared among IREL, LAWP, PADM, and POLS majors.

***Students must complete their college math requirements before beginning the sequence of business courses and must complete their 200-level business courses before registering for upper-level business courses.

Political Science Minor

Political Science Minor: 20 Credits

Political Science Core: 12 Credits

- POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)
- POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)
- POLS 210 - Introduction to World Politics (4)

Political Science Electives: 8 Credits

(choose two upper-level courses from the following)

- POLS 300-499 (8)

Total Required Credits: 20

Psychology

Faculty

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Amanda R. Howard, Associate Professor
Shannon R. Gilstrap, Assistant Professor
Benjamin L. Thompson, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirement

Majors

Psychology Major (BA)
Psychology Major (BS)

Minor

Psychology Minor

Interdisciplinary Major

Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Major (BS)

Interdisciplinary Minor

Neuroscience Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (MPH) with a BA in Psychology

The Department of Psychology offers a major in psychology leading to a bachelor of arts or a bachelor of science degree. Additionally, in cooperation with the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, the department offers an interdisciplinary major in neuroscience, leading to a bachelor of science degree. The department also offers minors in psychology and an interdisciplinary minor in neuroscience.* Students are required to take at least half of their psychology courses at Samford to earn a major or minor in psychology.

In cooperation with the School of Public Health, the department offers an accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program—a fast-track master of public health (MPH)—that allows qualified students pursuing the bachelor of arts in psychology the opportunity to complete requirements for both the BA and MPH in approximately five years of study. See below for more information.

*See the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences section for the neuroscience major and minor tables.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

For psychology majors pursuing the bachelor of arts degree, the following exceptions and recommendations to the general education requirements apply:

- **Natural & Computational Sciences:** BIOL 110 (Human Biology) or BIOL 101 & BIOL 102 (Principles of Biology I & Lab) is recommended, especially for students planning to take PSYC 328 (Behavioral Neuroscience). However, neither biology course is a prerequisite for PSYC 328.
- **Social Sciences:** PSYC 101 (General Psychology) cannot be used to fulfill the general education social science requirement. It must be fulfilled with a course from a social science field other than psychology.
- **Mathematics:** Students who need a course to fulfill the general education mathematics requirement are strongly encouraged to take MATH 210 (Elementary Statistics) in preparation for taking PSYC 305 (Statistical Methods in Psychological Research). Students with a strong high school algebra background should be able to take MATH 210 for their mathematics requirement. Students with weaker math backgrounds should consult with their advisor before taking a general education mathematics course. Students who have already completed their general education mathematics requirement with a course other than MATH 210, or who are required by another program to fulfill their mathematics requirement with a course other than MATH 210, are not required to take MATH 210 in addition to the mathematics course they have already taken.

For psychology majors pursuing the bachelor of science degree, the following exceptions and recommendations to the general education requirements apply:

- **Natural & Computational Sciences:** Any two lab science courses, chosen from biology, chemistry, computer science, geography, or physics. IDSC 201 (Scientific Methods) **cannot** satisfy this requirement.
 - **Social Sciences:** PSYC 101 (General Psychology) cannot be used to fulfill the general education social science requirement. It must be fulfilled with a course from a social science field other than psychology.
 - **Mathematics:** Students must fulfill the general education mathematics requirement with MATH 150 (Precalculus), MATH 210 (Elementary Statistics), or MATH 240 (Calculus I).
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Psychology Major (BA)

Courses should be selected in consultation with an advisor and in accordance with students' interests and career goals. The psychology major does not require a minor in any other discipline; however, students are encouraged to select a minor or a concentration of courses that will complement their interests, and educational and career goals.

- Students typically take PSYC 305 and PSYC 306 as a sequence during their junior year.
- Students who take both PSYC 205 and PSYC 210 may count only one of them toward the major or minor.
- Students who intend to pursue graduate study and a career in psychology or a related area should take PSYC 301 and/or PSYC 401. These courses will help students to explore career options, gain pre-professional experience, and prepare for graduate work.
- PSYC 301 and PSYC 401 may be taken on a pass/fail basis only and will not count toward the major or minor.
- Students may take PSYC 401 more than once for credit.
- Students may take PSYC 301 up to two times for credit, as long as the internship placements differ.
- Students may take PSYC 411 more than once if the topics are different and with permission of the department chair.
- Some elective courses are not offered on a regular basis but are taught as student interest dictates and faculty resources allow.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Psychology Major (Bachelor of Arts): 40 Credits

Fundamental Knowledge and Skills: 12 Credits

- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- PSYC 306 - Research Methods (4)

Experimental Psychology: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)
- PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 408 - Theories of Learning (4)
- PSYC 409 - Cognitive Psychology (4)

Human Development and Interaction: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)
- PSYC 215 - Psychopathology (4)
- PSYC 304 - Social Psychology (4)

Capstone Experience: 4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- PSYC 410 - Directed Research (4)
- PSYC 412 - Senior Seminar (4)

Psychology Electives: 8 Credits* (*choose 8 credits*)

- PSYC 203 - Psychology of Adjustment (4)
- PSYC 210 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (4)
- PSYC 220 - Theories of Personality (4)
- PSYC 225 - Health Psychology (4)
- PSYC 310 - Applied Psychology (4)
- PSYC 312 - Psychopharmacology (4)
- PSYC 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- PSYC 402 - History of Psychology (4)
- PSYC 404 - Approaches to Counseling and Psychotherapy (4)
- PSYC 405 - Measurement and Assessment (4)
- PSYC 411 - Advanced Special Topics in Psychology and Neuroscience (2-4)

General Electives: 39 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Any course listed under Experimental Psychology and Human Development and Interaction not taken to fulfill a requirement may count as a psychology elective with one restriction: only PSYC 205 or PSYC 210, but not both, may count towards the major.

Psychology Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in psychology degree is a liberal arts degree that emphasizes the experimental areas of psychology. This includes traditional experimental areas such as neuroscience, cognitive science, and learning as well as applied experimental areas such as social psychology, health psychology, and abnormal psychology. This degree is intended to appeal to students who have an interest in the natural and computational sciences as well as cognitive and behavioral science.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8) (*any two lab sciences, except IDSC 201*)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4) (*choose one from the following*):
 - MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
 - MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
 - MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Psychology Major (Bachelor of Science): 44 Credits

Core Knowledge and Research Skills: 12 Credits

- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- PSYC 306 - Research Methods (4)

Core Experimental Courses: 12 Credits *(choose three courses)*

- PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)
- PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 408 - Theories of Learning (4)
- PSYC 409 - Cognitive Psychology (4)

Applied Experimental Courses: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- PSYC 215 - Psychopathology (4)
- PSYC 225 - Health Psychology (4)
- PSYC 304 - Social Psychology (4)

Personality and Development: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)
- PSYC 220 - Theories of Personality (4)

Capstone Experience: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- PSYC 410 - Directed Research (4)
- PSYC 412 - Senior Seminar (4)

Psychology Elective: 4 Credits* *(choose 4 credits from the following)*

- PSYC 200-499 (4)

General Electives: 35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Any course listed under Personality and Development, Core Experimental Courses, or Applied Experimental Courses not taken to fulfill a requirement may count as a psychology elective.

Psychology Minor

Psychology Minor: 20 Credits

Psychology Core: 4 Credits

- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)

Psychology Electives: 16 Credits

(choose 16 credits from the following, including two courses at the 300/400 level)

- PSYC 200-299 (0-8)
- PSYC 300-499 (8-16)

Total Required Credits: 20

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (MPH)

Admission Requirements

The accelerated bachelor of arts (BA) to master of public health (MPH) program of study allows select students to complete requirements for both degrees in a minimum of five years of study rather than the typical minimum of six years of study. This program of study is available to qualified students pursuing a bachelor of arts in psychology.

Program details are available from the student's academic advisor and students interested in the BA to MPH fast-track program should seek guidance from their advisor as early as possible in their undergraduate studies.

Fast-Track Master of Public Health w/BA in Psychology (BA/MPH)

The fast-track master of public health program with a bachelor of arts in psychology program (BA/MPH) will prepare graduates to become leaders capable of addressing current global health problems. With this fast-track option, undergraduate students have the opportunity to earn a bachelor of arts in psychology (BA) and a master of public health (MPH) in just five years of study.

The first three years of the fast-track program are dedicated to completing all required undergraduate courses for the BA in psychology. Students will enroll in the MPH during their senior year. Participation in this program will require careful advisement and scheduling, as well as permission of both the Psychology department chair and the chair of the Department of Public Health.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Psychology Major (Bachelor of Arts): 40 Credits

Fundamental Knowledge and Skills: 12 Credits

- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)
- PSYC 306 - Research Methods (4)

Experimental Psychology: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)
- PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)
- PSYC 408 - Theories of Learning (4)
- PSYC 409 - Cognitive Psychology (4)

Human Development and Interaction: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)
- PSYC 215 - Psychopathology (4)
- PSYC 304 - Social Psychology (4)

Capstone Experience: 4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- PSYC 410 - Directed Research (4)
- PSYC 412 - Senior Seminar (4)

Psychology Electives: 8 Credits* *(choose 8 credits)*

- PSYC 203 - Psychology of Adjustment (4)
- PSYC 210 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (4)
- PSYC 220 - Theories of Personality (4)
- PSYC 225 - Health Psychology (4)
- PSYC 310 - Applied Psychology (4)
- PSYC 312 - Psychopharmacology (4)
- PSYC 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- PSYC 402 - History of Psychology (4)
- PSYC 404 - Approaches to Counseling and Psychotherapy (4)
- PSYC 405 - Measurement and Assessment (4)

General Electives: 39 Credits

- NOTE: May include up to 12 credits of graduate public health courses.

Total Required Credits (BA Degree): 128

*Any course listed under Experimental Psychology and Human Development and Interaction not taken to fulfill a requirement may count as a psychology elective with one restriction: only PSYC 205 or PSYC 210, but not both, may count towards the major.

Graduate Courses (Master of Public Health): 42 Credits

Year 1, Spring: Graduate Public Health: 12 Credits

- PHLT 509 - Cultural Dimensions of Health (3)
- PHLT 533 - Communication Skills for the Health Professional (3)
- Directed Elective (3)
- Directed Elective (3)

Year 1, Summer: Graduate Public Health: 12 Credits

- PHLT 500 - Health Systems, Organizations, & Policy (3)
- PHLT 501 - Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 502 - Public Health Foundations (3)
- PHLT 506 - Planning & Management of Public Health Programs (3)

Year 2, Fall: Graduate Public Health: 9 Credits

- PHLT 504 - Biostatistics for Public Health Professionals (3)
- PHLT 603 - Burden of Disease (3)
- PHLT 608 - Leadership for Health Professionals (3)

Year 2, Spring: Graduate Public Health: 9 Credits

- PHLT 699 - Public Health Capstone (3)
- Directed Elective (3)
- Directed Elective (3)

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for graduate-level PHLT courses.

World Languages and Cultures

Faculty

Ana Carballal, Chair, Professor
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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

French Major (BA)
German Major (BA)
Spanish Major (BA)
World Languages and Literature Major: French, German, and/or Spanish (Two Languages) (BA)

Minors

French Minor
German Minor
Spanish Minor
World Languages and Cultures Minor

Interdisciplinary Concentrations/Majors

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Major (BA)
Language and World Trade Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA) with a specialty in French, German, Spanish, or World Languages

Interdisciplinary Minors

Global Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

Teacher Certification: Middle School, Secondary, P-12**

French, German, or Spanish

The Department of World Languages and Cultures (WLAC) offers single-language majors in French, German, or Spanish, and in two languages combined (French, German, and/or Spanish) through the world languages and literature major. The department also offers interdisciplinary concentrations in global studies, and language and world trade. Students majoring in language and world trade may choose a specialty in French, German, Spanish, or another world language. All WLAC majors and interdisciplinary concentrations earn a bachelor of arts degree.

The department also offers minors in French, German, Spanish, and world languages and cultures (combination of languages), plus interdisciplinary minors in global studies and Latin American studies.

Completion of the major or minor is determined by the number of credits in the language. In order to fulfill the minimum credits required, *additional credit hours must be completed* for any courses taken or transferred in for *fewer* than 4 credits.

*See the Department of History section for the global studies curriculum tables.

**See the Department of Teacher Education section for details on middle school, secondary, and P-12 teacher certification in French, German, and Spanish.

Proficiency-Based Instruction

At all levels, language instruction at Samford is based on developing proficiency in the four skills of understanding, speaking, reading, and writing, studied within the geographical and cultural context of the target language. Instructional and assessment methodologies follow competency-based guidelines established by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). The campus experience is enhanced by language and computer laboratories and complemented by numerous opportunities to study in one of the department's classrooms abroad.

Language Placement and Proficiency

Student language placement is determined using a combination of the placement test and the high school transcript evaluation. This combination will determine the level of entry into general education-level language courses but does not provide proof of proficiency to fulfill the general education language requirement.* To satisfy the general education language requirement, students must pass the last course in the sequence required for their program or major (see below for information about students placing into 300-level language). Students can also prove proficiency by a test score on one of the tests Samford accepts for course credit (AP, CLEP, DSST, or IB, etc.) that equates to the level of language required by a student's program or major, or students may transfer in course credit, from accredited institutions, that is deemed equivalent to the required level of language proficiency proven by Samford coursework.

Once a sequence (101-102, or 103 or 107, 201-202, or 203 or 207) is completed, students may not receive credit for taking a lower-level class in the same language. Successful completion of the previous course in a sequence serves as prerequisite to the next. Students may enter language studies at the 101, 102, 103, 107, 201, 203, 207, or 300 levels (or at the 151-152, 251-252, and 351-352 levels if studying abroad). Students placing into the 300 level must take a minimum of one 4-credit language course at the 300 or 400 level to fulfill the general education world language requirement for most Arts and Sciences majors. Students whose primary language is a WLAC language must take 3-4 credits at the 300-400 level if they desire to use that language to fulfill their general education language requirement. Students whose primary language is not a WLAC language should consult with the WLAC chair about taking a Brigham Young University Foreign Language Achievement Test (FLAT) to prove proficiency in their primary language or other ways to prove proficiency.

*Exceptions apply for students in the Brock School of Business. See that section of the catalog and/or consult with an advisor in that school for more information.

ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)

Students who are studying less commonly taught languages (LCTLs) may choose to prove a 202-level of proficiency in that language by taking the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Oral Proficiency Interview and Writing Proficiency Test and receiving a rating of "Intermediate High" (or higher) on both tests. Students may choose to take these tests directly from ACTFL-certified examiners (The OPI and WPT are offered in twenty-three different languages. Students will pay ACTFL's fee), or from Samford faculty who are qualified to administer the ACTFL tests.

Required Minor for Language Majors

WLAC's single-language majors (French, German, or Spanish) are required to complete a minor, choosing one of the following options:

1. An established minor in a second world language.
2. An established minor (or second major) in another discipline.
3. A specially designed world languages minor, consisting of six courses in a combination of other languages at any level, created in consultation with a WLAC faculty advisor.

WLAC Majors

For students planning careers with international firms, service agencies, missions, teaching, or for those who seek the advantage of being bilingual in the multicultural world of the 21st century, the world languages and cultures (WLAC) major courses of study provide the opportunity to develop advanced linguistic proficiency and increase cross-cultural understanding. All WLAC graduating seniors who complete the senior assessment testing process receive internationally recognized proficiency ratings from an ACTFL-certified testing agency.

Critical Languages

In association with the National Association of Self-Instructional Language Programs (NASILP), the WLAC department offers self-instructional/tutorial language study in Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Thai, and Vietnamese. Other languages not commonly taught may also be available if there is sufficient demand.

Mentored Courses

The department also offers a number of specialized, mentored courses and independent projects for 1, 2, 3, or 4 credits in French, German, Spanish, and critical languages (FREN, GER, SPAN 310, 311, 321, 331, 340, 345, 360, and 450; and 311, 321, 331, 345, and 360 in any critical language). Students may take up to 8 credits in these courses. A maximum of 4 mentored credits at the 300- and 400-level of instruction may be applied to a major or minor.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

See General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Critical Languages Program

The Critical Languages Program (CLP) makes possible the offering of less-commonly taught, but highly relevant languages not available through traditional classroom offerings. The curriculum is student-centered and oriented principally toward the initial acquisition of oral skills, proceeding ultimately into the written form of the language. Students in CLP courses work intensively with specially prepared texts and AV material and meet in small group drill sessions twice a week with a native-speaking tutor. They continue their language practice in two additional sessions each week in WLAC's Language Learning Technology Forum. Exams are given on an individual basis with external examiners. These examiners are professors of their respective languages at other institutions who come to campus to examine Samford CLP students at the end of each semester.

CLP courses follow the traditional semester calendar. They are available to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as high school students and members of the community. Courses are sequential, with successful completion of the previous course serving as prerequisite to the next. Courses numbered 101, 201, and 205 are offered during fall semesters; courses numbered 102, 202, and 206 are offered during spring semesters. A world languages and cultures minor is offered in any of the CLP languages, but content-based coursework beyond the 200 level can only be completed in off-campus courses preapproved by the CLP director.

Critical languages offered at Samford: Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Swahili, Thai, and Vietnamese, as well as American Sign Language (see WLAC courses).

Additional Languages

GREEK, HEBREW, LATIN

For a list of Greek and Latin courses, see the Department of Classics and Philosophy. For a list of Hebrew courses, see the Biblical Languages course listing in the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies.

French Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts in French language and literature prepares students for a variety of career and graduate school options. The program of study may be combined with essential education courses to earn teacher certification.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

French Major: 36 Credits

French Core: 16 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 6-12 Credits*

*Elementary/Intermediate French, as needed to achieve placement into FREN 207**

- FREN 101 - Elementary French I (4)
- FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)
- FREN 107 - Accelerated Elementary French (6)
- FREN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French I (4)
- FREN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French II (4)
- FREN 201 - Intermediate French I (4)
- FREN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 4-6 Credits**

*Intermediate French or placement into FREN 301***

- FREN 202 - Intermediate French II (4)
- FREN 207 - Accelerated Intermediate French (6)
- FREN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French II (4)

Two Literature Courses: 8 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- FREN 401 - French Literature I (4)
- FREN 402 - French Literature II (4)
- FREN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- FREN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Senior Project: 4 Credits***

- FREN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

French Electives: 20 Credits *(choose 20 additional credits of upper-level FREN courses)*

- FREN 300-499 (20)

Required Minor: 20 Credits

General Electives: 23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*These credits count towards General Electives.

**These credits also count towards General Education Requirements.

***Senior Project may be replaced by an eighth upper-level course by second majors only.

German Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts in German language and literature prepares students for a variety of career and graduate school options. The program of study may be combined with essential education courses to earn teacher certification.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

German Major: 36 Credits

German Core: 16 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 6-12 Credits*

*Elementary/Intermediate German, as needed to achieve placement into GER 202**

- GER 101 - Elementary German I (4)
- GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)
- GER 107 - Accelerated Elementary German (6)
- GER 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German I (4)
- GER 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German II (4)

- GER 201 - Intermediate German I (4)
- GER 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 4-6 Credits**

*Intermediate German or placement into GER 301***

- GER 202 - Intermediate German II (4)
- GER 207 - Accelerated Intermediate German (6)
- GER 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German II (4)

Two Literature Courses: 8 Credits (choose two courses)

- GER 401 - German Literature I (4)
- GER 402 - German Literature II (4)
- GER 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- GER 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Senior Project: 4 Credits***

- GER 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

German Electives: 20 Credits (choose 20 additional credits of upper-level GER courses)

- GER 300-499 (20)

Required Minor: 20 Credits

General Electives: 23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*These credits count towards General Electives.

**These credits also count towards General Education Requirements.

***Senior Project may be replaced by an eighth upper-level course by second majors only.

Spanish Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts in Spanish language and literature prepares students for a variety of career and graduate school options. The program of study may be combined with essential education courses to earn teacher certification.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

Spanish Major: 36 Credits

Spanish Core: 16 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 4-12 Credits*

*Elementary/Intermediate Spanish, as needed to achieve placement into SPAN 202 or SPAN 203**

- SPAN 101 - Elementary Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 103 - Accelerated Elementary Spanish (4)
- SPAN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 201 - Intermediate Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 4 Credits**

*Intermediate Spanish or placement into SPAN 301****

- SPAN 202 - Intermediate Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate Spanish (4)
- SPAN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II (4)

Two Literature Courses: 8 Credits (choose two courses)

- SPAN 401 - Spanish Literature I (4)
- SPAN 402 - Spanish Literature II (4)
- SPAN 403 - Spanish American Literature I (4)
- SPAN 404 - Spanish American Literature II (4)
- SPAN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- SPAN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Senior Project: 4 Credits***

- SPAN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Spanish Electives: 20 Credits (choose 20 additional credits of upper-level SPAN courses)

- SPAN 300-499 (20)

Required Minor: 20 Credits

General Electives: 23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*These credits count towards General Electives.

**These credits also count towards General Education Requirements.

***Senior Project may be replaced by an eighth upper-level course by second majors only.

World Languages and Literature Major: French, German, and/or Spanish (Two Languages) (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

World Language and Literature Major: French, German, and/or Spanish (Two Languages): 36 Credits

World Languages and Literature Core: 12 Credits

Elementary French, German, and/or Spanish 101: 8 Credits* *(complete two courses or meet equivalent proficiency)*

- FREN 101 - Elementary French I (4)
- GER 101 - Elementary German I (4)
- SPAN 101 - Elementary Spanish I (4)
- FREN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French I (4)
- GER 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German I (4)
- SPAN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (4)

Elementary French, German, and/or Spanish 102: 8 Credits* *(complete two courses or meet equivalent proficiency)*

- FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)
- GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)
- SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)
- FREN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French II (4)
- GER 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German II (4)
- SPAN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (4) **OR**
- Accelerated Elementary French (FREN 107), German (GER 107), Spanish (SPAN 103)

Intermediate French, German, or Spanish: 4-8 Credits**

(complete either the combination of 201 & 202 [or 251 & 252] of a single language or 203 or 207 of a language [accelerated])

- FREN 201 & FREN 202 - Intermediate French I & II (4, 4)
- GER 201 & GER 202 - Intermediate German I & II (4, 4)
- SPAN 201 & SPAN 202 - Intermediate Spanish I & II (4, 4)
- FREN 251 & FREN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French I & II (4, 4)
- GER 251 & GER 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German I & II (4, 4)
- SPAN 251 & SPAN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I & II (4, 4)
- OR**
- FREN 207 - Accelerated Intermediate French (6)
- GER 207 - Accelerated Intermediate German (6)
- SPAN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate Spanish (4)

Literature: 8 Credits *(choose two literature courses—one in each language)*

- FREN 401 - French Literature I (4)
- FREN 402 - French Literature II (4)
- FREN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- FREN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)
- GER 401 - German Literature I (4)
- GER 402 - German Literature II (4)
- GER 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- GER 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)
- SPAN 401 - Spanish Literature I (4)
- SPAN 402 - Spanish Literature II (4)
- SPAN 403 - Spanish American Literature I (4)
- SPAN 404 - Spanish American Literature II (4)
- SPAN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- SPAN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Senior Project: 4 Credits *(complete a senior project that combines the two chosen languages)*

- FREN 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)
- FREN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)
- GER 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)
- GER 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)
- SPAN 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)
- SPAN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

World Languages and Literature Electives: 24 Credits

Complete six additional upper-level French, German, and/or Spanish courses (24 credits total). Must include three courses (12 credits) in each chosen language.

- **French:** FREN 300-499 (12)
- **German:** GER 300-499 (12)
- **Spanish:** SPAN 300-499 (12)

General Electives: 43 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Four of these credits are included in the General Education Requirements; the balance (up to 16 for one language) will be applied towards General Electives.

**Students who score high enough on placement criteria may register for these courses.

Language and World Trade Interdisciplinary Concentration (BA)

The language and world trade interdisciplinary concentration, offered in cooperation with the School of Business, is a comprehensive combination of linguistic skills and essential business knowledge. It concludes with an international trade internship. Completion of this interdisciplinary concentration satisfies general education foreign language and social science requirements for the College of Arts and Sciences. Students majoring in language and world trade may choose a specialty in French, German, Spanish, or another world language offered by the WLAC department.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- Mathematics: MATH 110, MATH 150, or MATH 240 (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher) *
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Language and World Trade Interdisciplinary Concentration: 72-80 Credits

Language Courses: 41 Credits

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Language: 4-8 Credits**

(complete 201 and 202 for 251 and 252 in the chosen language)

- FREN 201 - Intermediate French I (4)
- FREN 202 - Intermediate French II (4)
- FREN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French I (4)
- FREN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French II (4) **OR**
- GER 201 - Intermediate German I (4)
- GER 202 - Intermediate German II (4)
- GER 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German I (4)
- GER 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German II (4) **OR**
- SPAN 201 - Intermediate Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 202 - Intermediate Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II (4) **OR**

Complete one of the following accelerated intermediate courses in the chosen language:

- FREN 207 - Accelerated Intermediate French (6)
- GER 207 - Accelerated Intermediate German (6)
- SPAN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate Spanish (4)

Conversation/Composition: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language)*

- FREN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)
- FREN 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)
- GER 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)
- GER 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)
- SPAN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)
- SPAN 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)

Civilization and Culture: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language)*

- FREN 315 - French Culture I (4)
- FREN 316 - French Culture II (4)
- FREN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)
- FREN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)
- GER 315 - German Culture (4)
- GER 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)
- GER 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)
- SPAN 315 - Spanish Culture (4)
- SPAN 316 - Latin American Culture I (4)
- SPAN 317 - Latin American Culture II (4)
- SPAN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)
- SPAN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)
- SPAN 380 - Latin American Studies Seminar (4)

Literature: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language, at the 400-level)*

- FREN 401 - French Literature I (4)
- FREN 402 - French Literature II (4)
- FREN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- FREN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)
- GER 401 - German Literature I (4)
- GER 402 - German Literature II (4)
- GER 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- GER 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)
- SPAN 401 - Spanish Literature I (4)

- SPAN 402 - Spanish Literature II (4)
- SPAN 403 - Spanish American Literature I (4)
- SPAN 404 - Spanish American Literature II (4)
- SPAN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)
- SPAN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Major Language Electives: 8 Credits *(complete two courses in the chosen language, at the 300/400-level)*

- FREN 300-499 (8)
- GER 300-499 (8)
- SPAN 300-499 (8)

Language-Across-the-Curriculum: 1 Credit *(complete one course in the chosen language)*

- FREN 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)
- GER 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)
- SPAN 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

French, German, or Spanish for Business: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language)*

- FREN 370 - French for Business (4)
- GER 370 - German for Business (4)
- SPAN 370 - Spanish for Business (4)

International Trade Internship: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language)*

- FREN 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)
- GER 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)
- SPAN 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)

Language for Business: 4 Credits *(complete one course in the chosen language or choose the WLAC version)*

- FREN 475 - Language for Business (4)
- GER 475 - Language for Business (4)
- SPAN 475 - Language for Business (4)
- WLAC 475 - Language for Business (4)

One Year of a Second Language: 8 Credits

Complete one year (two courses) in a DIFFERENT language

Business and Mathematics Courses: 31 Credits

Group I: 13 Credits *(to be completed first)*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 100 - World of Business (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)

Group II: 18 Credits *(Prereq: Junior standing and completion of Group I) (choose six upper-level courses)*

- ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)
- ECON 420 - International Economics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- FINC 423 - History of Capitalism (3)
- MNGT 301 - International Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)
- MARK 421 - Cross Cultural Marketing (3)

Language and World Trade Electives: 0-8 Credits

(choose up to two courses from the list below; other electives can be taken with advisor's permission.)

- COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4) *(strongly recommended)*
- GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)
- GEOG 395/POLS 395 - Giants of Asia: China and India in the 21st Century (4)
- HIST 350 - Modern Latin America (4) ***
- LAST 201 - Introduction to Latin American Studies (4)
- POLS 310 - U. S. Foreign Policy (4)
- POLS 319 - International Relations (4)
- POLS 322 - Latin American Politics (4)
- POLS 351 - European Politics (4)
- POLS 363 - Politics of Developing Nations (4)

General Electives: 0-7 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128-131

* ECON 201 will satisfy the general education social science requirement even though also required within the major. Four of the language credits are included in the General Education Requirements; the balance will be applied towards General Electives.

** Students who score high enough on placement criteria may register for these courses.

*** Spanish majors only.

French Minor

French Minor: 20 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 6-12 Credits*

Elementary French, as needed to achieve placement into 200-level French

- FREN 101 - Elementary French I (4)
- FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)
- FREN 107 - Accelerated Elementary French (6)
- FREN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French I (4)
- FREN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French II (4)
- FREN 201 - Intermediate French I (4)
- FREN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 0-6 Credits**

Intermediate French or placement into FREN 301

- FREN 202 - Intermediate French II (4)
- FREN 207 - Accelerated Intermediate French (6)
- FREN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French II (4)

Upper-Level French Electives: 16-20 Credits (*choose 16-20 additional credits of upper-level FREN courses*)

- FREN 300-499 (16-20)

Total Required Credits: 20

*Credits in elementary and/or intermediate I language will apply towards General Electives.

**Credits in intermediate II or accelerated intermediate language will apply to the minor as well as to the General Education Requirements. If a student places into FREN 301, FREN 301 will count towards the General Education Language Requirement and this minor.

German Minor

German Minor: 20 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 6-12 Credits*

Elementary German, as needed to achieve placement into 200-level German

- GER 101 - Elementary German I (4)
- GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)
- GER 107 - Accelerated Elementary German (6)
- GER 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German I (4)
- GER 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German II (4)
- GER 201 - Intermediate German I (4)
- GER 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 0-6 Credits**

Intermediate German or placement into GER 301

- GER 202 - Intermediate German II (4)
- GER 207 - Accelerated Intermediate German (6)
- GER 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German II (4)

Upper-Level German Electives: 16-20 Credits (*choose 16-20 additional credits of upper-level GER courses*)

- GER 300-499 (16-20)

Total Required Credits: 20

*Credits in elementary and/or intermediate I language will apply towards General Electives.

**Credits in intermediate II or accelerated intermediate language will apply to the minor as well as to the General Education Requirements. If a student places into GER 301, GER 301 will count towards the General Education Language Requirement and this minor.

Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor

The Latin American studies interdisciplinary minor is intended to teach students about the various cultures of Latin America. Through emphasis on language and an interdisciplinary approach to the region, students will obtain a nuanced understanding of Latin America.

Latin American Studies Interdisciplinary Minor: 24 Credits

Latin American Studies Core: 12 Credits

- LAST 201 - Introduction to Latin American Studies (4)
- SPAN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)
- SPAN 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)

Latin American Cultural Studies: 4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- LAST 380 - Latin American Studies Seminar (4)
- SPAN 316 - Latin American Culture I (4) *
- SPAN 317 - Latin American Culture II (4)

Latin American Studies Electives: 8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- GEOG 397 - Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean (4)
- HIST 350 - Modern Latin America (4)
- POLS 322 - Latin American Politics (4)

Total Required Credits: 24

* Or the equivalent SPAN study abroad option in Latin America.

Spanish Minor

Spanish Minor: 20 Credits

Elementary/Accelerated Elementary/Intermediate Course(s): 4-12 Credits*

Elementary Spanish, as needed to achieve placement into 200-level Spanish

- SPAN 101 - Elementary Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 103 - Accelerated Elementary Spanish (4)
- SPAN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 201 - Intermediate Spanish I (4)
- SPAN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I (4)

Intermediate/Accelerated Intermediate Course: 0-4 Credits**

Intermediate Spanish or placement into SPAN 301

- SPAN 202 - Intermediate Spanish II (4)
- SPAN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate Spanish (4)
- SPAN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II (4)

Upper-Level Spanish Electives: 16-20 Credits

(choose 16-20 additional credits of upper-level SPAN courses)

- SPAN 300-499 (16-20)

Total Required Credits: 20

*These credits count towards General Electives.

**These credits are included in the General Education Requirements. If a student places into SPAN 301, SPAN 301 will count towards the General Education Language Requirement.

World Languages and Cultures Minor

Students in any discipline may choose to pursue a specially designed world languages and cultures minor consisting of six courses in a combination of world languages at any level, excluding courses taken to satisfy the general education requirement, and created in consultation with a WLAC faculty advisor.

World Languages and Cultures Minor: 24 Credits

World Language Courses (any level): 16 Credits

(choose 16 credits—lower or upper-level—from any of the following world languages)

- **American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Vietnamese***

World Language Courses (200-level only): 8 Credits

(choose 8 credits—two courses, at the 200-level—from any of the following world languages)

- **Arabic:** ARAB 201-206
- **Chinese:** CHIN 201-206
- **Haitian Creole:** CREO 201-202
- **French:** FREN 201-252
- **German:** GER 201-252
- **Hindi:** HIND 201-206
- **Italian:** ITAL 201-202
- **Japanese:** JAPN 201-206
- **Korean:** KORE 201-206
- **Portuguese:** PORT 201-202
- **Russian:** RUSS 201-202
- **Spanish:** SPAN 201-203
- **Swahili:** SWAH 201-202
- **Thai:** THAI 201-206

Total Required Credits: 24

*VIET courses only available at the 100-level at this time.

School of the Arts

Academic Administration

Lance Beaumont, Dean; Professor, Music

History

Since the earliest years of the university's history, music and the dramatic arts have been a vital part of campus life. The college Glee Club sang at commencements, and seniors and dramatic arts students performed in campus productions during the school year. The Masquers Club, organized in 1933, invited all students to be a part of their dramatic productions. Within five years, the popularity of The Masquers Club increased to such a degree that their productions were limited to drama students only. Throughout the state, Howard College dramatic productions were well recognized, and that recognition continues to the present.

In 1948, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the establishment of the Department of Music to offer the bachelor of music degree. Prior to that time, music was taught on campus by professional musicians from a local music school through a cooperative agreement, but a bachelor's degree was not offered. By 1952, the music curriculum was so successful that more teaching space was required to accommodate the demand for music courses. In 1970, the department was elevated to school status.

In 2001, dramatic arts, known as the Theatre Department, moved to the School of Music, and the school was renamed the School of Performing Arts with a Division of Music and a Department of Theatre. A new major, musical theatre, was introduced, in both the music division and the theatre department. In 2008, the Department of Art formally joined the school, which was renamed the School of the Arts.

In 2009, the theatre department was renamed the Department of Theatre and Dance, to recognize the expanded focus of the department. That same year, a new bachelor of fine arts in musical theatre was introduced.

In 2011, the Department of Interior Design formally joined the school and was renamed the Department of Interior Architecture, offering a bachelor of fine arts in interior design as well as a concentration in pre-architecture.

The Department of Art and the Department of Interior Architecture were joined together as the Division of Art and Design from 2014 through 2021.

The Center for Worship and the Arts was established in 2013 to equip congregations to engage intergenerational and artistic worship practices that glorify God, honor Christ, and join the transformative work of the spirit in the world. Housed in the School of the Arts, the Center offers unique on-line resources and on-campus programming for student worship leaders and their mentors.

In 2014, the university established the Academy of the Arts by joining existing programs in Preparatory Music and Samford After Sundown to offer non-credit classes, studio lessons, and certificates in the arts for all ages throughout the year.

In 2017, the School of the Arts launched the Catalyst Program. This included creating 13-credit hours of new SOA course work designed to propel students into their artistic careers by fostering creative and entrepreneurial thinking, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and a greater understanding of the intersection between the arts and their faith.

Samford introduced an interdisciplinary Christian ministry degree in the fall of 2018 designed to equip committed students from across the Samford campus for the work of ministry and missions through a biblically-grounded, missionally-focused curriculum. The new Department of Christian Ministry also houses the Ministry Training Institute, a non-degree program with a long history at Samford that offers theological training to church communities throughout the Southeast.

In 2020, the School of the Arts introduced two new majors, a bachelor of arts in commercial music and a bachelor of science in game design and 3D animation. In 2021, the Division of Art and Design transitioned to two departments: Department of Art and Design and Department of Architecture and Interior Design. Additionally, the School of the Arts launched a new five-year accelerated master of architecture program within the Department of Architecture and Interior Design.

During the summer of 2021, renovations began for both Harrison Theatre and Buchanan Hall. Harrison Theatre was completed to enhance the Fall 2021 season with accessible seating platforms, new overall guest seating, improved safety measures and new performance and production platforms. Buchanan Hall will be complete in the summer of 2022 and will be home to state-of-the-art facilities for the Division of Music.

Architecture and Interior Design

Faculty

Ryan L. Misner, Chair, Associate Professor
Charles L. Ford, Professor
Tonya Miller, Associate Professor
Aaron P. Brakke, Assistant Professor
Callan Y. Childs, Assistant Professor
Joel W. Kerner, Assistant Professor

Accreditation

The Samford University interior design program is accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The new architecture program is currently seeking accreditation by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Architecture Major (BSA)
Interior Design Major (BFA)

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Architecture (BSA/MArch) with a BSA in Architecture

The Department of Architecture and Interior Design offers a major in interior design leading to a bachelor of fine arts degree and a major in architecture leading to a bachelor of science in architecture degree. Both programs share a common curriculum for the first years of study. These foundational courses introduce applicable theory and skills, preparing the students for a more specific design direction in architecture or interior design.

The bachelor of science in architecture leads to the one-year master of architecture degree (MArch), beginning Summer 2025. Students pursuing this program pathway can complete both programs in a five-year time frame, for a total of 168 hours. See the *Samford University Graduate Catalog* for details on the master of architecture program.

Architecture

The architecture program at Samford combines a four-year bachelor of science in architecture with a one-year master of architecture (MArch), providing a more accelerated degree in preparation for a rewarding career in design, including architectural licensure (upon NAAB accreditation.) * This program of study will encourage students to see the world differently and to use their talents to enhance the community around them.

Housed together with interior design, these students take certain design courses and studios jointly, work collaboratively on projects, and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals and solutions.

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Doctor of architecture and master of architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

In order to meet the education requirement, set forth by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), an applicant for an NCARB Certificate must hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the NAAB and the degree must have been awarded not more than two years prior to initial accreditation. However, meeting the education requirement for the NCARB Certificate may not be equivalent to meeting the education requirement for registration in a specific jurisdiction. Please contact NCARB for more information.

Samford University, Department of Architecture and Interior Design, was granted candidacy status for the following professional degree program(s) in architecture: Master of Architecture (130 undergraduate credit hours + 38 graduate credit hours). Year candidacy awarded: February 2022. Next visit: Initial Candidacy Fall 2022. Projected year to achieve initial accreditation: Spring 2027. Earliest graduation date projected to meet NCARB education requirement: Fall 2026.

Interior Design

Those choosing to complete their bachelor of fine arts in interior design at Samford University will engage in a curriculum sequence whose content adheres to CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation) standards. The program prepares design students to combine aesthetic values with practical needs and realities. Program graduates weigh design decisions with social, cultural, and ecological context in mind. Based on a foundation in fine arts, the students utilize a holistic approach that integrates interior design with architecture; stresses the three-dimensional use of space; considers the user's awareness and experience of space; and incorporates the necessary understanding of codes and life-safety issues.

Housed together with architecture, these students take certain design courses and studios jointly, work collaboratively on projects, and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals and solutions.

Architecture Curriculum

Architecture students working toward the accelerated five-year master of architecture (MArch) first receive a bachelor of science in architecture (BSA). Requirements for the five-year program are a total of 130 credit hours, for the BSA degree, including 22 core hours, 19 general education hours, and 89 major hours. Following completion of 130 credits, students will progress to the fifth-year MArch that consists of 38 graduate credits.

Freshmen begin their studies with core curriculum and foundational art courses shared with the interior design major, as well as art, game design, graphic design, and studio art majors within the School of the Arts. These students are also introduced (in ARCH 101) to a survey of the professions (interior design, interior architecture, and architecture). Housed together with interior design, these students complete the sophomore year in sequence with only one studio that begins to separate the two.

These shared courses in year two include design and architectural theory that build upon the fine art foundation and extend those concepts and theories into the built environment. In addition, digital communication, presentation techniques, building systems information, concepts of sustainability, life safety, and architectural history are also addressed.

The junior and senior years introduce structural systems, materials and methods, along with a focused application of the concepts and skills the students have acquired. The projects are developed in studio settings and examine such topics as site selection, urban context, solar orientation, building envelope systems, and building performance. Specific design courses and studios are cross-listed with interior design where students work collaboratively on projects and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals.

The fifth-year graduate curriculum begins with a required internship and an introduction to faith and world view of architecture. Studies in urban design, professional practice and research, and advanced electives culminate in a terminal thesis design project.

Birmingham's professional design community is actively engaged through field experiences to firms and built projects, and by providing lectures, project critiques, final project reviews, and internship opportunities.

Admission Requirements for the Architecture Program

The bachelor of science in architecture program follows Samford University's undergraduate policies for admission, including the following:

1. Completion of online application form.
2. Academic letter of recommendation.
3. Official test scores.
4. Essay (250 words).

Once accepted, bachelor of science in architecture students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.00 and a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the major to remain in the program.

Students who have successfully completed the bachelor of science in architecture from Samford with the above noted minimum GPA requirements will be eligible to progress to the fifth-year of the architecture program: the master of architecture.

Interior Design Curriculum

Interior design students work toward a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree. Course requirements include 45 general education credits (including 22 in the University Core Curriculum), 59 interior design (IARC) credits, 15 credits in art, plus 9 credits in electives, for a total of 128 credits required for graduation.

Freshmen begin their studies with core curriculum and foundational art courses shared with the architecture major, as well as art, game design, graphic design, and studio art majors within the School of the Arts. These students are also introduced (in IARC 101) to a survey of the professions (interior design, interior architecture, and architecture). Housed together with architecture, these students complete the sophomore year in sequence with only one studio that begins to separate the two.

These shared courses in year two include art and architectural theory that build upon the fine art foundation and extend those concepts and theories into the built environment. In addition, digital communication, presentation techniques, and building systems information are addressed.

The junior and senior years are focused on application of the concepts and skills they have acquired. The projects are developed in studio settings and focus on small to large scale commercial and residential projects. Certain design courses and studios are cross-listed with architecture where students work collaboratively on projects and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals.

Birmingham's professional design community is actively engaged through field experiences to firms and built projects, and by providing lectures, project critiques, and final project reviews. Students are also required to complete an internship under a registered interior designer or architect.

Admission Requirements for the Interior Design Program

The bachelor of fine arts in interior design program follows Samford University's undergraduate policies for admission, including the following:

1. Completion of online application form.
2. Academic letter of recommendation.
3. Official test scores.
4. Essay (250 words).

Once accepted, bachelor of fine arts in interior design students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.00 and a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the major to remain in the program.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Architecture Major (BSA)

The architecture program at Samford combines a four-year bachelor of science in architecture with a one-year master of architecture, providing a more accelerated degree in preparation for a rewarding career in design, including architectural licensure (upon NAAB accreditation.) * This program of study will encourage students to see the world differently and to use their talents to enhance the community around them.

Housed together with interior design, these students take certain design courses and studios jointly, work collaboratively on projects, and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals and solutions.

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Doctor of architecture and master of architecture degree programs may require a non-accredited undergraduate degree in architecture for admission. However, the non-accredited degree is not, by itself, recognized as an accredited degree.

In order to meet the education requirement, set forth by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), an applicant for an NCARB Certificate must hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the NAAB and the degree must have been awarded not more than two years prior to initial accreditation. However, meeting the education requirement for the NCARB Certificate may not be equivalent to meeting the education requirement for registration in a specific jurisdiction. Please contact NCARB for more information.

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General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 19 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences ([Note: The Samford University Architecture Program has applied for eligibility of accreditation with the NAAB.](#))
- Mathematics: MATH 150 (4) or MATH 240 (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Architecture Major: 89 Credits

Art Core: 15 Credits

- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 222 - Drawing II (3)

Architecture Core: 66 Credits

- ARCH 101 - Survey of the Professions (1)
- ARCH 210 - Movements in Architecture (3)
- ARCH 211 - Architectural Drawing I (3)
- ARCH 212 - Design Fundamentals Studio I (3)
- ARCH 214 - Building Systems I (3)
- ARCH 220 - Architecture History II (3)
- ARCH 221 - Architectural Drawing II (3)
- ARCH 222 - Architecture Design Studio II (3)
- ARCH 224 - Building Systems II (3)
- ARCH 310 - Creative Investigation (2)
- ARCH 311 - Digital Rendering and Presentation (3)
- ARCH 312 - Architecture Design Studio III (6)
- ARCH 316 - Structural Systems I (3)
- ARCH 319 - Materials and Methods (3)

- ARCH 322 - Architecture Design Studio IV (6)
- ARCH 326 - Structural Systems II (3)
- ARCH 414 - Architecture Design Studio V (6)
- ARCH 419 - Advanced Materials and Methods (3)
- ARCH 422 - Architecture Design Studio VI: Historic Preservation and Adaptive Re-Use (6)

Architecture/Art/Interior Design Elective: 8 Credits (*choose 8 credits from the following*)

- ARCH 455 - Internship Elective (3)
- ART 300-499 - Art Elective
- ARCH 300-499, IARC 300-499 - Architecture or Interior Design Elective
- General Studies Elective

Total Required Credits: 130

NOTE: Students must maintain a 2.50 GPA to remain in the major.

Interior Design Major (BFA)

Those choosing to complete their bachelor of fine arts (BFA) in interior design at Samford will engage in a curriculum sequence whose content adheres to CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation) standards. The program prepares design students to combine aesthetic values with practical needs and realities. Program graduates weigh design decisions with social, cultural, and ecological context in mind. Based on a foundation in fine arts, the students utilize a holistic approach that integrates interior design with architecture; stresses the three-dimensional use of space; considers the user's awareness and experience of space; and incorporates the necessary understanding of codes and life-safety issues.

Housed together with architecture, these students take certain design courses and studios jointly, work collaboratively on projects, and share in each program's design education and resources. This unique integrated approach to design heightens students' awareness of comprehensive design goals and solutions.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (one course) (4)
- Social Sciences (two courses) (8)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Interior Design Major (BFA): 83 Credits

Art Core: 15 Credits

- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 222 - Drawing II (3)

Interior Design Core: 65 Credits

- IARC 101 - Survey of the Professions (1)
- IARC 210 - Movements in Architecture (3)
- IARC 211 - Architectural Drawing I (3)
- IARC 212 - Design Fundamentals Studio I (3)
- IARC 214 - Building Systems I (3)
- IARC 225 - Building Systems II (3)
- IARC 232 - Architectural Drawing II (3)
- IARC 242 - Interior Design Studio II (3)
- IARC 310 - Creative Investigation (2)
- IARC 311 - Digital Rendering and Presentation (3)
- IARC 312 - Lighting (2)
- IARC 321 - Furniture and Millwork (3)
- IARC 343 - Interior Design Studio III (6)
- IARC 322 - Interior Design Studio IV (6)
- IARC 346 - Textiles and Materials (2)
- IARC 414 - Interior Design Studio V (6)
- IARC 421 - Professional Practice (3)
- IARC 422 - Interior Design Studio VI (6)
- IARC 455 - Internship (2 or 4) (*take for 2 credits*)

Electives: 3 Credits

(*choose 3 credits from the following*)

- ARCH 300-499, IARC 300-499 - Architecture or Interior Design Electives (3)

NOTE: With instructor permission, any ART 209-499 or General Studies Elective may apply.

Total Required Credits: 128

Art and Design

Faculty

Scott R. Fisk, Chair, Professor
Joseph A. Cory, Professor
Larry D. Thompson, Professor
Haelim Allen, Associate Professor
Lauren F. Evans, Associate Professor

Geoff S. Sciacca, Associate Professor
Mary E. White, Assistant Professor
William E. Winkler, Assistant Professor
René J. Zimny, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Art Major (BA)
Game Design Major (BS)
Graphic Design Major (BFA)
Studio Art Major (BFA) with a required concentration in Painting & Drawing or Sculpture

Minor

Studio Art Minor

The Department of Art and Design offers a bachelor of arts (BA) in art, a bachelor of science (BS) in game design, and a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) in both graphic design and studio art. The BFA in studio art requires a concentration in either painting and drawing or sculpture. The department also offers a minor in studio art; however, with the exception of game design, no department majors are allowed to add the studio art minor to their program.

Portfolio Review and GPA Requirement for BFA in Graphic Design and Studio Art Majors

Once accepted, students majoring in graphic design must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.50 and a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the major to remain in the program. Students majoring in studio art (BFA) must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum GPA of 2.75 in the major to remain in the program.

These programs also require a portfolio review for all majors at the end of the third semester or the completion of at least five of the following courses:

Graphic Design

- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations
- ART 120 - Drawing I
- ART 222 - Drawing II
- ART 211 - Graphic Design: Theory and Practice
- ART 213 - Graphic Design: UX Design Principles

Studio Art

- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations
- ART 120 - Drawing I
- ART 222 - Drawing II
- ART 230 - Painting I
- ART 270 - Sculpture I

The review will require a portfolio of work examples from the courses listed above. If a student has transferred or changed majors into the BFA program, then the student is expected to participate in Portfolio Review after at least five listed courses are completed. The completion of the Portfolio Review Application will be the responsibility of the student and will be due at a designated date. Students are required to pass the Portfolio Review to remain in the BFA program.

Students in the BA in art program who are considering declaring for the BFA in studio art program may also request a portfolio review and must meet the same conditions listed above.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory section for a list of required and applicable courses.

Art Major (BA)

This degree is designed for students desiring to major in art within the framework of a liberal arts degree. The degree is intended to serve the needs of undergraduate students who are interested in a broad program of general studies and wish to also develop their artistic skills and knowledge.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Art Major: 46 Credits

Art Core: 25 Credits

- ART 100 - Purpose and Professionalism (1)
- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 209 - Beginning Photography (3)
- ART 230 - Painting I (3)
- ART 270 - Sculpture I (3)
- ART 450 - Senior Portfolio (3-6) *(take for 3 credits)*

Art History: 9 Credits *(complete all)*

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- **Plus choose ONE from the following:**
- ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)
- ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)
- ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)
- ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)
- ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)
- ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)
- ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)

Art Electives: 12 Credits *(in consultation with advisor, choose 12 credits from the following)*

- ART 209-499 (12)

General Electives: 33 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Game Design Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in game design focuses on techniques related to 3D modeling, 3D animation, programming, visual problem solving, audio, interactive storytelling, game theory, the history of game design, and game production. The program is a collaboration between the Department of Art and Design and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Game Design Major: 75 Credits

Studio Art Core: 22 Credits

- ART 100 - Purpose and Professionalism (1)
- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 213 - Graphic Design: UX Design Principles (3)
- ART 222 - Drawing II (3)
- ART 323 - Drawing III (3)

Art History: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- ART 383 - Modern and Contemporary Art (3)
- ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)
- ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)

Game Design Core: 21 Credits

- ART 291 - Principles of 3D Animation (3)
- ART 292 - Principles of 3D Game Art (3)
- ART 391 - Intermediate 3D Production Art (3)
- ART 395 - Advanced 3D Production Art (3)
- ART 459 - Senior Project in Art and Design (6)
- ART 495 - Game and Animation Development Studio (3)

Computer Science: 20 Credits

- COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)
- COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Comp Science (4)
- COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)

- COSC 260 - Game Design and Programming (4)
- COSC 360 - Game Tech and Programming (4)

Art Electives: 9 Credits (*choose approximately three courses for 9 total credits*)

- ART 209-499 (9)

General Electives: 8 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Graphic Design Major (BFA)

The bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree in graphic design is designed for students pursuing a career in graphic design. The degree is considered the professional degree in the field. Students must pass a portfolio review at the end of the third semester. Included in the degree plan is a required internship experience. A comprehensive senior capstone project is completed during the senior year.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Graphic Design Major: 83 Credits

Studio Art Core: 22 Credits

- ART 100 - Purpose and Professionalism (1)
- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 222 - Drawing II (3)
- ART 230 - Painting I (3)
- ART 323 - Drawing III (3)

Art History: 12 Credits

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
 - ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
 - ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)
- PLUS, choose ONE of the following courses:**
- ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)
 - ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)
 - ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)
 - ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)
 - ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)
 - ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)

Graphic Design: 33 Credits

- ART 211 - Graphic Design: Theory and Practice (3)
- ART 212 - Typographic Design (3)
- ART 213 - Graphic Design: UX Design Principles (3)
- ART 310 - Production for Print and Digital (3)
- ART 311 - Graphic Design: Branding Systems (3)
- ART 312 - Graphic Design: Advanced Visual Systems (3)
- ART 313 - Designing the User Experience (3)
- ART 314 - Motion Graphics (3)
- ART 410 - Graphic Design: Professional Practice and Preparedness (3)
- ART 459 - Senior Project in Art and Design (6)

Internship/Externship: 1 Credit

- ART 494 - Internship (1)

Art Electives: 15 Credits (*choose five courses for a total of 15 credits*)

- ART 209-499 (15)

Total Required Credits: 128

NOTE: Students must maintain a 2.50 GPA to remain in the major.

Studio Art Major (BFA)

The bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree is the professional degree for the artist; it is also the foundation for graduate studies in studio art. The BFA degree program is interdisciplinary in nature and permits a student to take a greater number of courses in studio art and art history.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Studio Art Major: 79 Credits

Studio Art Core: 40 Credits

- ART 100 - Purpose and Professionalism (1)
- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 209 - Beginning Photography (3)
- ART 222 - Drawing II (3)
- ART 230 - Painting I (3)
- ART 270 - Sculpture I (3)
- ART 396 - Studio Methods and Critique (3)
- ART 415 - Studio Art Professional Practices (3)
- ART 450 - Senior Portfolio (3-6) *(complete 6 credits)*
- ART 455 - Externship and Independent Study (2-3) *(complete 3 credits)*

Concentration: 12 Credits

Choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed.

Painting and Drawing Concentration: 12 Credits *(complete all)*

- ART 232 - Painting II (3)
- ART 323 - Drawing III (3)
- ART 333 - Painting III (3)
- ART 434 - Painting IV (3)

Sculpture Concentration: 12 Credits *(complete all)*

- ART 271 - Sculpture II (3)
- ART 273 - Time-Based and Installation Art (3)
- ART 370 - Sculpture III (3)
- ART 471 - Sculpture IV (3)

Art History: 15 Credits *(complete all)*

- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)
- **Plus, choose TWO from the following:**
- ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)
- ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)
- ART 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)
- ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)
- ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)
- ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)
- ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)

Art Electives: 12 Credits

(choose FOUR courses from the following list that are not part of the selected concentration)

- ART 232 - Painting II (3)
- ART 260 - Beginning Printmaking (3)
- ART 261 - Letterpress Printmaking (3)
- ART 271 - Sculpture II (3)
- ART 273 - Time-Based and Installation Art (3)
- ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)
- ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)
- ART 290 - Mixed Media (3)
- ART 309 - Darkroom Film Photography (3)
- ART 323 - Drawing III (3)
- ART 333 - Painting III (3)
- ART 356 - Illustration (3)
- ART 358 - Photodesign (3)
- ART 360 - Advanced Printmaking (3)

- ART 362 - Screen Printing Studio (3)
- ART 370 - Sculpture III (3)
- ART 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)
- ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)
- ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)
- ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)
- ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)
- ART 392 - Advanced Mixed Media (3)
- ART 398 - Special Topics in Studio Art (3)
- ART 434 - Painting IV (3)
- ART 456 - Advanced Illustration (3)
- ART 471 - Sculpture IV (3)

General Electives: 4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

NOTE: Students must maintain a 2.75 GPA to remain in the major.

Studio Art Minor

Studio Art Minor: 21 Credits

Studio Art Core: 15 Credits

- ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)
- ART 120 - Drawing I (3)
- ART 230 - Painting I (3) *or*
 - ART 270 - Sculpture I (3)

Art History: 3 Credits (*choose one course*)

- ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)
- ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)
- ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)
- ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)
- ART 383 - Modern and Contemporary Art (3)
- ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)
- ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)
- ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)
- ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)

Art Electives: 3 Credits

(*choose one course from the following, in consultation with advisor*)

- ART 209-499 (3)

Total Required Credits: 21

NOTE: With the exception of game design, no Art and Design Department majors can add the studio art minor to their program.

Christian Ministry

Faculty

Scott L. Guffin, Executive Director, Assistant Professor
Jervis 'J.D.' Payne, Professor
Julia B. Higgins, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Christian Ministry Major (BA)

Minors

Church and Culture Minor
Intercultural Engagement Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv) with a BA in Christian Ministry

The Department of Christian Ministry offers a major in Christian ministry that leads to a bachelor of arts (BA) degree. The department also offers two minors: church and culture and intercultural engagement.

In cooperation with the Beeson School of Divinity, the department offers an accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program—a fast-track master of divinity (MDiv)—that allows qualified students majoring in Christian ministry the opportunity to complete requirements for both the BA and MDiv in approximately six years of study. See below for more information.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Christian Ministry Major (BA)

The Christian ministry major is designed for students considering a career in ministry or missions. Additionally, this program is designed for students who might have other career aspirations but understand and desire to pursue God's ministry/missions calling for Christians in all vocations.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23-27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) *
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Christian Ministry Major: 48-52 Credits

Christian Ministry Core: 40-44 Credits

- CHRM 101 - Disciplemaking I (1)
- CHRM 102 - Disciplemaking II (1)
- CHRM 200 - Christian Vocation and Calling (3) *or* BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)
- CHRM 202 - Introduction to Intercultural Engagement (3)
- CHRM 210 - Old Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 211 - New Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 220 - Theology for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 221 - Christian Worldview and Apologetics (3)
- CHRM 301 - Evangelism (3)
- CHRM 302 - Intercultural Engagement Strategies (3)
- CHRM 310 - Principles of Biblical Communication (3) *or* BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- CHRM 320 - Christian Leadership (3)
- CHRM 330 - The Practice of Ministry (3) *or* Approved BREL course (4)
- CHRM 400 - Senior Project (6)

Biblical and Religious Studies: 8 Credits

(choose 4 credits from each of the following subgroups, for a total of 8 credits)

- BREL 300-level elective: Jewish and Christian Scriptures (4)
- BREL 300/400 level elective: Theology, Ethics, Church History (4)

(See the Christian and Religious Studies Major for a list of upper-level courses that fall under the noted subgroups: Area I: Jewish and Christian Scriptures; Area II: Historical/Cultural Studies; Area III: Theological/Ethical Studies)

General Electives: 27-35 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. Four (4) credits of language are required (102 or higher). However, many students will complete up to 16 language credits. These additional credits will be applied to the General Electives block.

Church and Culture Minor

The church and culture minor is designed both for students considering a career in ministry and those who may be interested in co-vocational or lay ministry.

Church and Culture Minor: 20-21 Credits

Church and Culture: 20-21 Credits

- CHRM 101 - Disciplemaking I (1)
- CHRM 102 - Disciplemaking II (1)
- CHRM 210 - Old Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 211 - New Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 220 - Theology for Christian Ministry (3) *or*
 - CHRM 221 - Christian Worldview and Apologetics (3)
- CHRM 301 - Evangelism (3) *or*
 - CHRM 302 - Intercultural Engagement Strategies (3)
- CHRM 310 - Principles of Biblical Communication (3) *or*
 - BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- CHRM 320 - Christian Leadership (3)

Total Required Credits: 20-21

Intercultural Engagement Minor

The intercultural engagement minor is designed for students who have a passion for reaching others for Christ across cultural and international boundaries. The minor is designed both for students who are considering a career in missions and those who desire to engage in missions work as a layperson.

Intercultural Engagement Minor: 18-19 Credits

Intercultural Engagement: 18-19 Credits

- CHRM 101 - Disciplemaking I (1)
- CHRM 102 - Disciplemaking II (1)
- CHRM 201 - My Major and the Mission of God (1)
- CHRM 202 - Introduction to Intercultural Engagement (3) *or*
 - BREL 412 - Holistic Missions and Ministry (4)
- CHRM 302 - Intercultural Engagement Strategies (3)
- CHRM 303 - Church Multiplication (3)
- CHRM 304 - Religious Diversity and the Mission of God (3)
- CHRM 305 - Intercultural Engagement Field Experience (3)

Total Required Credits: 18-19

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program**

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Admission Requirements

The accelerated bachelor of arts (BA) to master of divinity (MDiv) program of study allows select students to complete requirements for both degrees in a minimum of six years of study rather than the typical minimum of seven years of study.* This program of study is available to qualified students majoring in Christian ministry. Acceptance to the program is limited to students who demonstrate the maturity and discipline to advance their course of study and their preparation for vocational ministry leadership.

Students interested in the accelerated BA to MDiv program should seek guidance from their advisor as early as possible in their undergraduate studies. The undergraduate program of study must include specific courses. Students may apply for admission upon completion of 48 credit hours of undergraduate studies. Applicants are evaluated on their academic performance, spiritual maturity, and vocational clarity. Admission to the accelerated program is limited.

Students must complete 96 credit hours of undergraduate coursework before beginning their graduate theological studies. Upon completion of the initial 32 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, a student is awarded the bachelor of arts degree. The master of divinity degree is awarded upon completion of the 55 credit hours of additional graduate theological courses.

Students admitted to the accelerated BA to MDiv program must participate in a co-curricular program of spiritual and vocational mentoring.

Program details are available from the student's major advisor.

*The potential six-year minimum does not account for advanced placement credit or transfer credit which a student may bring to Samford. Any such credit may reduce the total program of study to less than six years.

**At this time, this fast-track table is not yet represented in the catalog. See the department for program requirements.

Music Division

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Mission

The Division of Music is preparing musicians to enrich society through a diligent pursuit of excellence.

General Information

Music study at Samford University is essentially a threefold program, including training in basic musicianship, training in specialized professional areas, and studies in the liberal arts. The core of the program is musicianship-continuous study in music performance, including solo and ensemble experiences, along with extensive work in music theory and history. In specialized areas, such as teacher training, commercial music, composition, and music and worship, requirements include training and experiences in the special skills and knowledge appropriate to the respective degree program to equip the graduate to function effectively on the professional level. The liberal arts requirements contribute to the breadth of knowledge appropriate for the professional musician.

In addition to the academic programs, a wide variety of ensembles offer opportunities to both music and non-music majors for meaningful experiences in music making. University ensembles include A Cappella Choir, University Chorale, Samford Opera, Opera Workshop, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Commercial Music Ensemble, Samford Worship Collective, and numerous chamber ensembles.

Accreditation

Samford University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), and the teacher education program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Commercial Music Major (BA) with a required concentration in one of the following:

Music Industry, Music Production, Performance, or Songwriting

Composition Major (BM)

Music and Worship Major (BM)

Music Major (BA)

Music Major (BS)

Music Major (BME) with a required concentration in Instrumental Music or Vocal/Choral Music

Performance: Instrumental Music Major (BM)

Performance: Organ Major (BM)

Performance: Piano Major (BM)

Performance: Piano Major w/Pedagogy Emphasis (BM)

Performance: Voice Major (BM)

Worship Leadership Major (BA) with a required concentration in Ministry, Songwriting for Worship, or Worship Production

Minors

Commercial Music Minor

Music Minor

Interdisciplinary Minor

Worship Leadership Interdisciplinary Minor *

The Division of Music offers undergraduate programs that meet requirements for the bachelor of arts (BA) (commercial music, music, worship leadership), the bachelor of science (BS) (music), the bachelor of music (BM) (composition; music and worship; performance in instrumental music, organ, piano, piano pedagogy, voice), and the bachelor of music education (BME) (music). The music division also offers minors in commercial music, music, as well as the interdisciplinary worship leadership minor.*

*The worship leadership minor is offered in cooperation with the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies.

Student Objectives

Bachelor of Arts in Commercial Music

This degree empowers students to become musicians with artistic, technological, and entrepreneurial skills to thrive in the 21st century. Students choose from one of four unique concentrations within commercial music: music industry, music production, performance, and songwriting. Each concentration aims to instill and foster a do-it-yourself attitude necessary for any entrepreneurial musician, while offering a unique approach to the commercial music industry.

Bachelor of Arts in Music: This degree is designed for students desiring to major in music within the framework of a liberal arts degree. The degree is intended to serve the needs of undergraduate students who are interested in a broad program of general studies and who wish also to develop their musical skills and knowledge.

Bachelor of Arts in Worship Leadership: This degree is designed for students committed to worship ministry in the church and parachurch organizations. Students choose from one of three concentrations: ministry, songwriting for worship, or worship production. Coursework emphasizes the practices of Christian worship and ministry. Upon graduation, students are equipped to pursue full-time worship ministry positions in church and parachurch organizations or graduate studies.

Bachelor of Music in Composition: This degree is designed for students pursuing a career in the field of music theory and/or composition. Many students in this field continue their study with graduate-level work in the discipline.

Bachelor of Music in Music and Worship: This degree is designed for students committed to vocational music and worship ministry. The program includes coursework in music, worship, ministry, and biblical and religious studies, and a supervised experience in a congregational setting.

Bachelor of Music in Performance: These degrees (instrumental music, organ, piano, and voice) are designed for students highly motivated toward excellence in performance. The student combines studies in basic musicianship and music history with concentrated emphasis in the major performance area.

Bachelor of Music in Performance: Piano with Emphasis in Piano Pedagogy: This degree is designed for piano majors who have a strong interest in teaching as well as performance.

Bachelor of Music Education in Music: This degree is designed for students who wish to prepare for a career as a K-12 music educator. Students may pursue a concentration in instrumental or vocal/choral music education. Graduates are eligible to earn an Alabama Class B teaching certificate. Practical experiences in teaching music are provided.

Bachelor of Science in Music: This degree is designed for students who would like to combine pre-medical studies with concentrated studies in music.

Admission Policies

Students desiring to major or minor in music must be admitted to the Division of Music in addition to gaining admission to the university. All prospective music majors and music minors must audition in their principal performance area(s); if not admitted, a student may re-audition. No more than two (2) auditions are allowed in a single performance area. Admitted students must take a music theory placement examination prior to beginning coursework. Additionally, all non-keyboard majors must also complete a piano placement.

Appointments for auditions and placement examinations will be scheduled upon receipt of School of the Arts application materials, which can be obtained by contacting the director of enrollment management. Students will be notified of the results of the auditions and will be admitted for registration as music majors only if they have acceptance notices sent by the dean of the School of the Arts and/or the chair of the Music Division.

Transfer students desiring to major in music must audition in the principal performance area(s) and take a placement examination in music theory and piano to determine both acceptance and transfer of credit. Transfer of credit for other music courses is determined by either placement examinations or review of the student's previous work in an equivalent course.

Non-music majors desiring instruction in applied music may register for private or group instruction only with the permission of the chair.

Grade Restrictions

No grade below C- in music courses (COMU, MUSA, MUSC, WRLD) which are required for any Music Division major or minor will count toward fulfillment of degree requirements.

Recital Requirements

All students seeking a degree in music must present a half-hour degree recital (MUSC 4698). Composition and all performance majors have additional recital requirements associated with their degree programs. Consult your advisor for details.

Ensembles

Students with an undergraduate major in music must fulfill all ensemble requirements set forth in their degree program. At Samford University the following groups are defined as major ensembles: A Cappella Choir, University Chorale, Commercial Music Ensemble, Musical Theatre Ensemble, Samford Opera, Opera Workshop, Orchestra, Samford Worship Collective, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band.

The following guidelines also apply:

1. All keyboard principals* must fulfill two of the required major ensemble credits by taking MUSC 1740 (Instrumental Collaboration) for two semesters. Keyboard principals may fulfill two additional credits of major ensemble requirements by taking two additional credits of MUSC 1740.
2. All voice principals must take at least four semesters of a major choral ensemble. Voice performance majors must also take a minimum of two semesters of Samford Opera or Opera Workshop.
3. For instrumental principals, all required ensembles must be in the instrumental area. Additionally, instrumental performance majors must also take two semesters of chamber ensemble.

4. BA in worship leadership and BM in music and worship majors, regardless of principal performance area, must take at least two semesters of a choral ensemble.
5. BA in commercial music majors may fulfill up to one credit of ensemble requirements by taking an approved chamber ensemble.

 *Keyboard principals include organ, piano, and piano pedagogy majors, plus music majors (BA or BS) and music and worship majors who choose a keyboard concentration. This also includes any music division major whose Principal Performance Area is piano or organ.

Piano Proficiency

To graduate, all non-keyboard majors must complete the piano proficiency examination, unless otherwise stated in their degree requirements. Such students must enroll for piano study each semester until the piano proficiency examination has been passed. All degree candidates must complete piano proficiency requirements before enrolling in a senior recital. Music education majors must complete all piano proficiency requirements before enrolling for student teaching.

Upper-Level Status

Each music major will be evaluated for approval for upper-level status at the end of two years of music study. Consult the Division of Music Manual for Undergraduate Studies for more details.

Performance

One of the most important aspects of a music major's educational experience is the area of performance. The requirements for number of credits in performance appear in the curricular tables for the various degrees in music.

Admission to the Teacher Education Program

Admission to teacher education undergraduate programs and permission to enroll in selected Teaching Field and Professional Studies level courses requires:

1. A minimum grade of C- in all required courses.
2. Successful completion of EDUC 200, and either EDUC 202, EDUC 213, or EDUC 323.
3. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.00.
4. Completion of a projected schedule with the director of music education.
5. Satisfactory completion of the Professional Expectations and Responsibilities Module.
6. Completion of application for admission.
7. Completion of an interview with a faculty member in the School of Education.
8. Documentation verifying ABI and FBI criminal background checks (at the student's expense). Note that any student taking a teacher education course (EDUC) with an embedded field experience must provide documentation verifying ABI and FBI criminal background checks at the expense of the student. The teacher education advisor will assist with background check information.
9. Passing scores on all three (3) sections of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination.
10. A satisfactory Disposition Assessment.
11. Demonstration of satisfactory potential for teaching, including evidence of emotional stability and a satisfactory record as to conduct, character, and mental health, to the effect that the applicant does not have any personal qualities prejudicial to satisfactory performance as a teacher.

Acceptance is contingent upon the recommendation of the faculty admissions committee.

Retention

Once admitted into the bachelor of music education program, a 3.00 GPA requirement must be maintained in all areas: cumulative, major courses, and education courses. Grades below C- in any course are not permitted; in cases where a lower grade is earned, the course must be repeated. Any teacher education candidate who, in the opinion of the School of Education faculty, develops dispositions or characteristics deemed undesirable for the profession may, after review, be removed from, counseled out of, or presented with the option to graduate without certification from the program, regardless of GPA.

Field Experiences

Field experiences in P-12 schools and other learning settings are essential components in the learning process of becoming a professional educator. It is the philosophy of music education and teacher education faculty that candidates be placed in these settings early and often. All music education majors are required to complete a variety of field experiences in a range of settings with diverse populations of students. Field placements will be within driving distance of the university campus. Some EDUC courses hold classes off campus at a partner school campus site.

Clinical Internship

Clinical internship experiences immerse candidates in a school or learning-setting culture and afford them the opportunity to teach while receiving support from an in-service professional and a university mentor. The capstone clinical internship experience includes approximately 15 weeks of student teaching.

Licensure

To be recommended for licensure, candidates must pass all exit exams and licensure requirements as mandated by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE). If a student successfully completes all program requirements, they may graduate but cannot be recommended for certification until all exams are passed and all requirements are met. Graduation from Samford University does not guarantee teacher or leader certification by the ALSDE or any other state certification agency. Program graduates who delay applying for Alabama certification are subject to changes made in the state certification requirements between the time of degree completion and the

time of application. If an individual is not recommended for Alabama certification within five years (60 calendar months) of program completion, the individual will be required to reapply and complete current approved program requirements. In addition, candidates completing all required coursework in any teacher preparation program but who delay clinical internship (All But Internship or, "ABI") for more than one year and who intend to apply for teacher certification must comply with current ALSDE certification requirements.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Commercial Music Major (BA)

Important Notice: This program has been approved by Division of Music Faculty, School of the Arts Faculty, the University Curriculum Committee, the Samford University Board of Trustees, and the Division of Music's accrediting body, National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Samford University's Division of Music offers a 128-hour bachelor of arts (BA) in commercial music degree with four concentrations. This program empowers students to become musicians with artistic, technological, and entrepreneurial skills to thrive in the 21st century. Students choose from one of four unique concentrations within commercial music: music industry, music production, performance, and songwriting. Each concentration aims to instill and foster a do-it-yourself attitude necessary for any entrepreneurial musician, while offering a unique approach to the commercial music industry.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Commercial Music Major: 79-81 Credits

(Credit total includes credits for the Concentration)

Music Competencies: 36 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) *(take 4 times)*
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) *(when enrolled in applies studies)*
- MUSC 1500 - Music Fundamentals (3) **
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *(see footnote) ****
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *(see footnote) ****
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- Applied Studies (MUSA) (4)
- Music Ensembles (MUSC) (8)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (9) - *(includes additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, and music history and literature)*

Commercial Music Core: 30 Credits

- MUSC 0080 - Commercial Music Seminar (0) *(take 6 times)*
- COMU 1600 - Purpose and Development (1)
- COMU 1810 - Introduction to Music Industry (3)
- COMU 1820 - Music Industry Revenue Streams (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- COMU 2830 - Recording Techniques I (3)
- COMU 2840 - American Popular Music (3)
- COMU 2850 - Songwriting (3)
- COMU 3404 - Global Music (3)
- COMU 3470 - Commercial Music Capstone (3) ****
- COMU 3860 - Music Production (2)
- COMU 1970 - Special Topics in Commercial Music (3) *(may be repeated)*

Commercial Music Concentrations: 13-21 Credits

(choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed)

Music Industry Concentration: 21 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- BUSA 100 - World of Business (3)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Music Production Concentration: 13 Credits

- COMU 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3)
- COMU 2502 - Live Sound Technology and Production II (3)
- COMU 2835 - Recording Techniques II (3)
- MUSA 3290 - Applied Music Production (2) *(take twice for 4 total credits)*

Performance Concentration: 13 Credits

- COMU 3865 - Live Performance and Touring (2)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- Applied Studies (8) ***

Songwriting Concentration: 15 Credits

- COMU 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3)
- COMU 3865 - Live Performance and Touring (2)
- ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)
- MUSC 1560 - Introduction to Composition (2)
- MUSA 3291 - Applied Songwriting (2) *(take twice for 4 total credits)*

General Electives: 2-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. At least one course must be completed at Samford. Four (4) credits of language are required (102 or higher).

**Prereq for MUSC 1500 (Musicianship Assessment) administered by the Division of Music. If the assessment is passed, students may substitute 3 music credits with advisor permission.

*** If principal performance area is guitar, voice, or piano and if student does not place into the applied area, he/she may begin studies with the Class Guitar (MUSC 1910/1911), Class Piano (MUSC 1941/1942), or the Class Voice (MUSC 1920/1921) sequence.

****Second instance of COMU 1970 can be taken in place of COMU 3470.

NOTE 1: Class Piano study will accompany the traditional theory sequence beginning with Music Theory I.

NOTE 2: See catalog listing for music ensemble requirements.

Composition Major (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15-19 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) - Choose from French, German, Italian, or Spanish
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Composition Major: 87 Credits

Music Competencies: 65 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) *(must take 7 times)*
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) *(when enrolled in applied studies)*
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2) or MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *
- MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1) *
- MUSC 2551 - Keyboard Harmony I (1)
- MUSC 2552 - Keyboard Harmony II (1)
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- Performance Area Principal (12 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), and Third Year (4)
- Major Ensembles *(choose 8 credits)*
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (4) - (at least 3 credits must be upper level)
(includes additional ensembles, applied studies; courses in theory, composition, conducting, commercial music, music history & literature)

NOTE: One music elective—MUSC 4560 (1)—is optional for the Independent Composition Project.

Composition Major Core: 22 Credits

- MUSC 1560 - Introduction to Composition (2)
- MUSC 3520 - Choral Arranging (2)
- MUSC 3530 - Orchestration (2)
- MUSC 4510 - Counterpoint (3)
- MUSC 4599 - Senior Composition Recital (0)
- Applied Composition (13 total): Second Year (4), Third Year (4), and Fourth Year (5)
(Includes MUSA 2160, 2260, 2360, 3160, 3260, 3360, 4160, 4260, 4360)

General Electives: 0-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

Music Major (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Music Major (BA): 57-59 Credits

Music Core: 51 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*must take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- Performance Area Principal (16 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), Third Year (4), Fourth Year (5)
- Major Ensembles (6)

Music Concentrations: 6-8 Credits

(choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed)

Instrumental Concentration: 6 Credits

- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) **
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) **
- Ensembles (2) (*in addition to those listed above*)
- Music Elective (1)

Keyboard/Organ Concentration: 6 Credits

- MUSC 3151 & 3152 - Service Playing I (1) & II (1)
- Music Electives (4)

Keyboard/Piano Concentration: 6 Credits

- MUSC 2551 & 2552 - Keyboard Harmony I (1) & II (1)
- Music Electives (4)

Voice Concentration: 8 Credits

- MUSC 1610 & 1620 - Diction for Singers I (2) & II (2)
- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) **
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) **
- Music Elective (1)

General Electives: 20-22 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. Four (4) credits of language are required (202 or higher). However, many students will complete up to 16 language credits. These additional credits will be applied to the General Electives block.

** If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music performance electives to reach a minimum of 4 credits of supplementary performance credits.

Music Major (BS)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 32 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (13 total): CHEM 205 (4), CHEM 206 (1), PHYS 101 (4), and PHYS 102 (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (8 total): MATH 210 (4) and MATH 240 (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Music Major (BS): 84-87 Credits

Music Core: 53 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*must take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied lessons*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- Performance Area Principal (15 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), Third Year (4), Fourth Year (3)
- Major Ensembles (MUSC) (6)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (3)

Science Core: Biology and Chemistry: 27 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 302 - Mammalian Physiology (4)
- BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)
- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 215 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)

Music Concentration: 4-7 Credits

(choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed)

Instrumental Concentration: 5 Credits

- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *
- Ensembles (2) (*in addition to those listed above*)

Keyboard/Organ Concentration: 4 Credits

- MUSC 3151 & 3152 - Service Playing I (1) & II (1)
- Music Electives (2)

Keyboard/Piano Concentration: 4 Credits

- MUSC 2551 & 2552 - Keyboard Harmony I (1) & II (1)
- Music Electives (2)

Voice Concentration: 7 Credits

- MUSC 1610 & 1620 - Diction for Singers I (2) & II (2)
- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *

Total Required Credits: 138-141

* If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

Music Major: Instrumental Music Concentration (BME)

This program is designed for students preparing for a career as a K-12 music educator and leads to the Alabama Class B teaching certificate. Practical experiences in teaching music are provided in the greater Birmingham area.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 19 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Music Major w/Instrumental Music Concentration: 97 Credits

Music Core: 49 Credits

Theory and Aural Skills: 16 Credits

- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)

Musicology: 10 Credits

- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)

Conducting: 4 Credits

- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)

Applied Studies: 12 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- Performance Area Principal (12 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), and Third Year (4)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)

Ensembles: 7 Credits

- Major Ensembles (7)

Education Core: 11 Credits

- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2)
- EDUC 213 - Adolescent Development within the Educational Culture (2 or 4) (*take for 2 credits*)
- EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2)
- EDUC 414 - Reading, Writing, and Assessment across the Curriculum Areas (2)

Music Education Core: 30 Credits

- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 1310 - Foundations of Music Education (2)
- MUSC 2331 - Marching Band Techniques (1)
- MUSC 3310 - Materials and Methods of Teaching Music in the Elementary Grades (3)
- MUSC 3311 - Vocal Techniques (1)
- MUSC 3330 - Materials and Methods of Teaching Instrumental Music in the Secondary Grades (3)
- MUSC 3931 - Class Strings (1) **
- MUSC 3932 - Class Woodwinds (1) **
- MUSC 3933 - Class Brass (1) **
- MUSC 3934 - Class Percussion (1) **
- MUSC 4398 - Music Education Internship (1)
- MUSC 4399 - Student Teaching Grades P-12 (12)

Music Education Electives: 4 Credits (*choose 4 credits*)

- COMU 3404 - Global Music (3)
- MUSC 1912 - Class Fretted Instruments (1)
- MUSC 2551 - Keyboard Harmony I (1)
- MUSC 2552 - Keyboard Harmony II (1)
- MUSC 3520 - Choral Arranging (2)
- MUSC 3531 - Instrumental Arranging (2)
- MUSC 3970 - Special Topics (1-4)
- MUSC 4430 - Survey of Symphonic Literature (2)

Piano Skills: 3 Credits

- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *
- MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *

Total Required Credits: 138

* If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

** May be waived for proficiency by faculty committee.

Music Major: Vocal/Choral Music Concentration (BME)

This program is designed for students preparing for a career as a K-12 music educator and leads to the Alabama Class B teaching certificate. Practical experiences in teaching music are provided in the greater Birmingham area.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 19 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Music Major w/Vocal/Choral Music Concentration: 97 Credits

Music Core: 49 Credits

Theory and Aural Skills: 16 Credits

- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)

Musicology: 10 Credits

- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)

Conducting: 4 Credits

- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2)

Applied Studies: 12 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- Performance Area Principal (12 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), and Third Year (4)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)

Ensembles: 7 Credits

- Major Ensembles (7)

Education Core: 11 Credits

- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2)
- EDUC 213 - Adolescent Development within the Educational Culture (2 or 4) (*take for 2 crds*)
- EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2)
- EDUC 414 - Reading, Writing, and Assessment across the Curriculum Areas (2)

Music Education Core: 30 Credits

- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 1310 - Foundations of Music Education (2)
- MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)
- MUSC 1620 - Diction for Singers II (2)
- MUSC 3310 - Materials and Methods of Teaching Music in the Elementary Grades (3)
- MUSC 3320 - Materials and Methods of Choral Music in the Secondary Grades (3)
- MUSC 3331 - Instrumental Techniques I (1)
- MUSC 3332 - Instrumental Techniques II (1)
- MUSC 4398 - Music Education Internship (1)
- MUSC 4399 - Student Teaching Grades P-12 (12)

Music Education Electives: 4 Credits *(choose 4 credits)*

- COMU 3404 - Global Music (3)
- MUSC 1912 - Class Fretted Instruments (1)
- MUSC 2331 - Marching Band Techniques (1)
- MUSC 2551 - Keyboard Harmony I (1)
- MUSC 2552 - Keyboard Harmony II (1)
- MUSC 3520 - Choral Arranging (2)
- MUSC 3531 - Instrumental Arranging (2)
- MUSC 3970 - Special Topics (1-4)
- MUSC 4430 - Survey of Symphonic Literature (2)

Piano Skills: 3 Credits

- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *
- MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *

Total Required Credits: 138

*If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

Music and Worship Major (BM)

The bachelor of music (BM) in music and worship is a professional degree designed for the student who wishes to pursue vocational Christian worship ministry. This may be in the role of a musician, music director, worship pastor, or worship leader in the local church. Some congregations give these individuals titles such as Minister of Music, Director of Worship Arts, Music/Worship Associate, or Music and Worship Pastor. Other students pursue careers as a musical missionary who impacts the global church through service to a congregation or high school outside North America. The program includes coursework in music, ensembles, worship, ministry, and a supervised experience in a congregational setting. Many students completing this degree pursue graduate studies in church music, worship studies, sacred music, liturgy, or theology.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

1. Articulate a calling to pastoral music and worship ministry.
2. Describe and implement biblical, theological, philosophical, and historical principles for music and worship ministry in congregational life.
3. Apply critical thinking skills and exercise discernment in Christian music and worship.
4. Design, plan, and administrate music and worship ministries that serve the local church and its worship practices.
5. Implement strategies for music ministry with worshippers of all ages.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Music and Worship Major: 91 Credits

(Credit total includes credits for the Concentration)

Music Competencies: 50 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) *(take 7 times)*
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) *(when enrolled in applied studies)*
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3) *or*
 - MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2) *or* MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- Performance Area Principal (12 total): First Year (4), Second Year (4), and Third Year (4)
- Major Ensembles (choose 8 credits) **

Music and Worship Core: 30 Credits

- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)
- WRLD 0010 - Worship Leadership Forum (0) *(take 7 times)*
- WRLD 2110 - Introduction to Worship Leadership (3)
- WRLD 2120 - Worship with All Generations (3)

- WRLD 2130 - Worship Leader Workshop (2)
- WRLD 2310 - Worship Technology and Production (3)
- WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)
- WRLD 3140 - Musical Practices in Worship (3)
- WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)
- WRLD 4150 - Worship Leadership Practicum (2) (*take twice for 4 total credits*)
- WRLD 4160 - Senior Project: Worship Leadership (2)

Performance Concentration: 11 Credits

(choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed)

Instrumental Concentration: 11 Credits

- MUSC 1910 & 1911 - Class Guitar I (1) & II (1)
- MUSC 1920 & 1921 - Class Voice I (1) & II (1)
- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *
- Music & Worship Electives (4) (*at least 2 credits must be upper level*)

Keyboard Concentration: 11 Credits

- MUSC 1910 & 1911 - Class Guitar I (1) & II (1)
- MUSC 1920 & 1921 - Class Voice I (1) & II (1)
- **AND**
- MUSC 1740 - Instrumental Collaboration (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*) and
- MUSC 1741 - Vocal Collaboration (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- **OR**
- MUSC 3151 - Service Playing I (1) and
- MUSC 3152 - Service Playing II (1)
- **AND**
- Music & Worship Electives (5) (*at least 3 credits must be upper level*)

Vocal Concentration: 11 Credits

- MUSC 1610 & 1620 - Diction for Singers I (2) & II (2)
- MUSC 1910 & 1911 - Class Guitar I (1) & II (1)
- MUSC 1941, 1942, & 2941 - Class Piano I (1), II (1), & III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *
- Music & Worship Electives (2) (*all must be upper level*)

Total Required Credits: 128

*Students capable of meeting piano proficiency requirements without the Class Piano sequence, should take three additional credits of study in piano.

- **Students may substitute MUSC 1750/MUSC 3750 or MUSC 1751/MUSC 3751 for up to 4 credits of the Major Ensemble requirement.
- Students choosing instrumental or keyboard as their principal performance area must take at least two semesters of a major choral ensemble.
- All keyboard principles must fulfill two of the eight required major ensemble credits with MUSC 1740/MUSC 1741. Two additional instances of MUSC 1740/MUSC 1741 may apply.
- Vocal principles must take at least four semesters of a major choral ensemble.

Performance: Instrumental Music Major (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15-19 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) - Choose from French, German, Italian, or Spanish
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Performance-Instrumental Music Major: 87 Credits

Music Competencies: 76 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 4430 - Survey of Symphonic Literature (2)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)

- MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *
- MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0) *
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- Performance Area Principal (24 total): First Year (6), Second Year (6), Third Year (6), and Fourth Year (7)
- Major Ensembles (*choose 8 credits*) **
- Chamber Ensembles (*choose 2 credits*) **

Instrumental Major Core: 8 Credits

- MUSC 4630 - Instrumental Pedagogy (1)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (10)
(*at least 4 credits must be upper level*)

(*Electives include additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, music history and literature*)

General Electives: 0-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*All required ensembles must be in the instrumental area.

**If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

Performance: Organ Major (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15-19 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) - Choose from French, German, Italian, or Spanish
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Performance-Organ Major: 87 Credits

Music Competencies: 75 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 4450 - Survey of Organ Literature (2)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2) or MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- Keyboard Skills: MUSA 1151, MUSA 2151, MUSA 3151, MUSA 4151 (four semesters; 1 crd each for 4 total credits)
- MUSC 3151 - Service Playing I (1)
- MUSC 3152 - Service Playing II (1)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- Performance Area Principal (24 total): First Year (6), Second Year (6), Third Year (6), and Fourth Year (7)
- Major Ensembles (*choose 8 credits*)

Organ Major Core: 10 Credits

- MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)
- MUSC 1620 - Diction for Singers II (2)
- MUSC 4650 - Organ Pedagogy (2)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (6)
(*at least 4 credits must be upper level*)

(*Electives include additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, music history and literature*)

General Electives: 0-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Performance: Piano Major (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15-19 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) - Choose from: French, German, Italian, or Spanish
- Social Sciences (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Performance-Piano Major: 84 Credits

Music Competencies: 70 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 4440 - Survey of Piano Literature (2)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2) or MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- MUSC 1732 - Chamber Ensemble (0-1)
- MUSC 1740 - Instrumental Collaboration (0-1)
- MUSC 1741 - Vocal Collaboration (0-1)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- Performance Area Principal (24 total): First Year (6), Second Year (6), Third Year (6), and Fourth Year (7)
- Major Ensembles (*choose 4 credits*)

Piano Major Core: 14 Credits

- MUSC 4640 - Piano Pedagogy I (2)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (12)
(*at least 4 credits must be upper level*)
(*Electives include additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, music history and literature*)

General Electives: 3-7 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Performance: Piano Major w/Pedagogy Emphasis (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15-19 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) - Choose from French, German, Italian, or Spanish
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Performance-Piano Major with Pedagogy Emphasis: 84 Credits

Music Competencies: 70 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)

- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 4440 - Survey of Piano Literature (2)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2) or MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)
- MUSC 1732 - Chamber Ensemble (0-1)
- MUSC 1740 - Instrumental Collaboration (0-1)
- MUSC 1741 - Vocal Collaboration (0-1)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- Performance Area Principal (24 total): First Year (6), Second Year (6), Third Year (6), and Fourth Year (7)
- Major Ensembles (*choose 4 credits*)

Piano Pedagogy Major Core: 14 Credits

- MUSC 4640 - Piano Pedagogy I (2)
- MUSC 4641 - Piano Pedagogy Practicum I (2)
- MUSC 4643 - Piano Pedagogy II (2)
- MUSC 4644 - Piano Pedagogy Practicum II (2)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (6)
(*all 6 credits must be upper level*)
(*Electives include additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, music history and literature*)

General Electives: 3-7 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Performance: Voice Major (BM)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 19-23 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (8-12) *
 - One to two courses in the same language to be selected from:
French, German, or Italian (through 102 or higher) (4-8)
 - One course in a different language to be selected from:
French, German, Italian, or Spanish (through 101 or higher) (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Performance-Voice Major: 87 Credits

Music Competencies: 72 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 7 times*)
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) (*when enrolled in applied studies*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)
- MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)
- MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)
- MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)
- MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)
- MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)
- MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)
- MUSC 4421 - Survey of Vocal Literature (2)
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2)
- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *
- MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1) *
- MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0)
- MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)
- MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1) (*take for 1 credit*)
- Performance Area Principal (24 total): First Year (4), Second Year (6), Third Year (6), and Fourth Year (7)
- Major Ensembles (*choose 8 credits*) ***

Voice Major Core: 15 Credits

- MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)
- MUSC 1620 - Diction for Singers II (2)
- MUSC 4620 - Vocal Pedagogy (2)
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (9)
(at least 4 credits must be upper level)

(Electives include additional ensembles, applied studies, and courses in theory, composition, conducting, music history and literature)

General Electives: 0-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128-132

* Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. At least two courses must be completed at Samford.

**If piano proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with music electives.

***All required ensembles must be in the vocal area.

Worship Leadership Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts in worship leadership is a liberal arts degree designed for students committed to worship ministry in the church and parachurch organizations. Coursework emphasizes the practices of Christian worship and ministry with complementary studies in a worship-related concentration of the student's choosing. Upon graduation, students will be equipped to pursue positions in worship leadership or graduate studies in seminary, worship, or related fields. Some congregations give these individuals titles such as Worship Minister, Worship Leader, Music/Worship Associate, Technology/Production Director, Artist in Residence, etc. The program includes coursework in music, worship, ensembles, a supervised internship in a congregational setting, as well as the student's choice of a concentration in ministry, songwriting for worship, or worship production.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Worship Leadership Major: 79-80 Credits

(Credit total includes credits for the Concentration)

Music Competencies: 38 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) *(take 4 times)*
- MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0) *(when enrolled in applied studies)*
- MUSC 1500 - Music Fundamentals (3) **
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- Secondary Instrument Training (4)
 - MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is piano)*
 - MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is piano)*
 - MUSC 1920 - Class Voice I (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is voice)*
 - MUSC 1921 - Class Voice II (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is voice)*
 - MUSC 1910 - Class Guitar I (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is guitar)*
 - MUSC 1911 - Class Guitar II (1) *(omit if student's principal instrument is guitar)*
- MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- Applied Studies (MUSA/MUSC) (4) ***
- Major Ensembles *(choose 8 credits)* ****
- Music Electives (COMU/MUSA/MUSC) (4)
(includes COMU 3404 - Global Music (3) and Applied Studies in Worship Leadership: MUSA 3195, MUSA 3295, MUSA 3395)

Worship Leadership Core: 30 Credits

- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)
- WRLD 0010 - Worship Leadership Forum (0) *(7 semesters)*
- WRLD 2110 - Introduction to Worship Leadership (3)
- WRLD 2120 - Worship with All Generations (3)
- WRLD 2130 - Worship Leader Workshop (2)
- WRLD 2310 - Worship Technology and Production (3)
- WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)
- WRLD 3140 - Musical Practices in Worship (3)
- WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)
- WRLD 4150 - Worship Leadership Practicum (2) *(take twice for 4 credits total)*
- WRLD 4160 - Senior Project: Worship Leadership (2)

Worship Leadership Concentrations: 11-12 Credits

(choose a concentration below and complete all courses listed)

Ministry Concentration: 11 Credits

- CHRM 101 - Disciplemaking I (1)
- CHRM 102 - Disciplemaking II (1)
- CHRM 210 - Old Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 211 - New Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)
- CHRM 220 - Theology for Christian Ministry (3) *or* CHRM 320 - Christian Leadership (3)

Songwriting for Worship Concentration: 12 Credits

- MUSC 1560 - Introduction to Composition (2)
- COMU 2830 - Recording Techniques I (3)
- WRLD 3350 - Songwriting for Worship (3)
- Applied Songwriting for Worship (includes MUSA 1294, MUSA 2294, MUSA 3294, MUSA 4294) (4)
(take 2 semesters for 4 credits total)

Worship Production Concentration: 12 Credits

- COMU 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3) *or* WRLD 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3)
- COMU 2502 - Live Sound Technology and Production II (3) *or* WRLD 2502 - Live Sound Technology and Production II (3)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)

General Electives: 3-4 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. At least one course must be completed at Samford. Four (4) credits of language are required (102 or higher).

**Prereq: Musicianship Assessment administered by the Division of Music. If the assessment is passed, students may substitute 3 music credits with advisor permission.

***If student does not place via audition into the applied area for piano, voice, or guitar, he/she should begin applied studies with the Class I and II sequence. Students who begin in this sequence must make a B- or above in both Class I and II in order to progress into further applied study.

****All keyboard principles must fulfill two of the eight required major ensemble credits with MUSC 1740/MUSC 1741. Two additional instances of MUSC 1740/MUSC 1741 may also apply.

Vocal principles must take at least four semesters of a major choral ensemble.

Worship Leadership majors with an instrumental or keyboard principle must take at least two semesters of a major choral ensemble.

Worship Leadership majors may substitute MUSC 1750/MUSC 3750 or MUSC 1751/MUSC 3751 for up to four credits as a major ensemble.

Commercial Music Minor

Samford University's commercial music program offers a 22-hour commercial music minor with a general focus of study in concepts such as music industry, music production, performance, and songwriting. Based in the School of the Arts and professionally accredited through the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), this major empowers students to build themselves into musicians with artistic, technological, and entrepreneurial skills to thrive in the 21st century. The program aims to instill and foster a do-it-yourself attitude necessary for any entrepreneur.

Commercial Music Minor: 22 Credits

Commercial Music Core: 9 Credits

- COMU 1810 - Introduction to Music Industry (3)
- COMU 1820 - Music Industry Revenue Streams (3)
- COMU 2840 - American Popular Music (3)

General Music Core: 7 Credits

- MUSC 1500 - Music Fundamentals (3) *
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)

Commercial Music Electives: 6 Credits *(choose 6 credits from the following)*

- COMU 1970 - Special Topics in Commercial Music (3)
- COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)
- COMU 2830 - Recording Techniques I (3)
- COMU 2835 - Recording Techniques II (3)
- COMU 2850 - Songwriting (3)
- COMU 3860 - Music Production (2)
- COMU 3865 - Live Performance and Touring (2)
- MUSA 1180 - Applied Acoustic Guitar (1)
- MUSA 1181 - Applied Electric Guitar (1)
- MUSA 1182 - Applied Electric Bass (1)
- MUSA 1183 - Applied Drum Set (1)
- MUSA 3290 - Applied Music Production (2)
- MUSA 3291 - Applied Songwriting (2)

Total Required Credits: 22

*Prereq for MUSC 1500: Musicianship Assessment administered by the Division of Music. If the assessment is passed, students may substitute 3 music credits with advisor permission.

Music Minor

Students desiring to minor in music must audition in their principal performing area and take a placement examination in music theory. Appointments for these will be scheduled upon receipt of the School of the Arts application materials, which can be obtained by contacting the Arts Recruiter at arts@samford.edu.

Students must register for two credits for each semester of study in the principal performance area and must take a jury examination at the end of each semester. The ensemble credits must be in major ensembles.

Music Minor: 24 Credits

Music Core: 22 Credits

- MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0) (*take 4 times*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)
- MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)
- Principal Performance Area (8) *
- Ensembles (4)

Music Electives: 2 Credits (*choose 2 credits of music electives from the following*)

- Any MUSA prefix course
- Any MUSC prefix course

Total Required Credits: 24

* Music minors whose principal performance area is voice must take MUSC 1610 (Diction for Singers I) & MUSC 1620 (Diction for Singers II).

Worship Leadership Minor

The minor in worship leadership is for students who seek to serve the church by becoming better worship leaders, pastoral musicians, and worshipers. By nature, Christian worship is an interdisciplinary activity that incorporates multiple disciplines. The minor in worship leadership engages theology, ministry, history, sociology, and music to prepare students for bi-vocational ministry in the local church and in parachurch organizations.

Worship Leadership Minor: 21-23 Credits

Studies in Worship: 7 Credits

- BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)
- WRLD 0010 - Worship Leadership Forum (0) (*4 semesters*)
- WRLD 2110 - Introduction to Worship Leadership (3)

Studies in Ministry: 5-7 Credits

Choose **TWO** courses from the following, with at least **ONE** course being upper level:

- BREL 404 - Preaching (4)
- CHRM 310 - Principles of Biblical Communication (3)
- WRLD 2120 - Worship with All Generations (3)
- WRLD 2130 - Worship Leader Workshop (2)
- WRLD 2310 - Worship Technology and Production (3)
- WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3) *
- WRLD 3140 - Musical Practices in Worship (3)
- WRLD 3350 - Songwriting for Worship (3)
- WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3) *
- WRLD 4250 - Special Topics in Worship Studies (2)

Studies in Music Theory: 7 Credits

- MUSC 1500 - Music Fundamentals (3) **
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)

Studies in Music Performance: 2 Credits (*complete any 2-credit combination in the following*)

- MUSC 1720 - University Chorale (0-1)
- MUSC 1721 - A Cappella Choir (0-1)
- MUSC 1730 - Wind Ensemble (0-1)
- MUSC 1731 - Orchestra (0-1)
- MUSC 1750 - Worship Arts Ensemble (0-1)
- MUSC 1910/1911 - Class Guitar I & II (1 each) ***
- MUSC 1920/1921 - Class Voice I & II (1 each) ***
- MUSC 1941/1942 - Class Piano I & II (1 each) ***

Total Required Credits: 21-23

*Course is cross-listed with a BREL course

** Prereq: Musicianship Assessment, administered by the Division of Music. If the Assessment is passed, students may substitute any 3 music credits with permission of the advisor.

***Students are not required to take Level "II" after Level "I."

Theatre and Dance

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Accreditation

The Samford University theatre program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Dance Major (BA)
Musical Theatre Major (BFA)
Theatre Major (BA)
Theatre Major w/a Concentration in Acting and Directing (BA)
Theatre Major w/a Concentration in Production Design and Technology (BA)
Theatre for Youth Major: Performance and Teaching Artistry (BFA)

Minors

Dance Minor
Theatre Minor

Interdisciplinary Minor

Film Production Interdisciplinary Minor*

The Department of Theatre and Dance has six challenging, innovative, interdisciplinary degree programs to prepare students for careers and vocations in the arts. We aspire to be a leader in undergraduate theatre and dance education with a commitment to the artist as a community partner and contributor. Training is accomplished by practical and lecture/lab classroom experiences that prepare the student for the professional world. At the core of the department's mission is a commitment to character, ethics, and artistic excellence.

The department offers two majors leading to a bachelor of arts (BA) degree: dance and theatre, with the latter offering optional concentrations in acting and directing and production design and technology. The department also offers two majors leading to a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree: musical theatre and theatre for youth: performance and teaching artistry. Additionally, the department offers minors in dance, film production*, and theatre.

*The film production minor is offered in cooperation with the Department of Communication and Media.

Grade Restrictions

No grade below D in music courses (MUSA, MUSC) which are required for the musical theatre major or the theatre for youth: performance and teaching artistry major will count toward fulfillment of degree requirements. Additionally, no grade below C- is allowed in courses required for advancement to the next course in the sequence (e.g., MUSC 1941, MUSC 1942). If a grade lower than C- is earned, the course must be successfully repeated. See the program tables for sequenced courses or consult your advisor.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Dance Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts degree in dance will prepare students to enter the world of the arts with performance experience and an in-depth knowledge in dance technique, developed through a broad-based liberal arts curriculum that has a Christ-centered focus. These skills will prepare students to understand and engage with the aesthetic, cultural, and historical contexts of dance in order to create work that inspires others.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 202 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Dance Major: 47 Credits

Dance Technique: 13-16 Credits

- DANC 103 - Ballet III (1) (proficiency through 103)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)
- DANC 223 - Modern Dance III (2) (proficiency through 223)
- DANC 330 - Vernacular Dance (2)
- **PLUS**, Take **THREE** additional technique classes for a total of 8 courses (1-2 crds each):
Choose from the following:
- DANC 101, 102, 202, 212, 213, 221, 222, 303, 360, 451, 452

Dance Performance: 4 Credits

- DANC 210 - Dance Performance (0-1) (*take four times*)

Dance/Theory/Practice: 21 Credits

- DANC 110 - Dance Seminar (1)
- DANC 111 - Somatic Practices and Injury Prevention (1)
- DANC 112 - Dance Improvisation (1)
- DANC 401 - Choreography (2)
- DANC 410 - Dance History (3)
- DANC 450 - Dance Pedagogy (2)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*take four times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- DANC 480 - Senior Project: Dance (3)

Dance/Theatre Electives: 6 Credits

(choose 6 credits from the following)

- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
- DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 213 - Tap Dance III (2)
- DANC 303 - Jazz III (2)
- DANC 451 - Musical Theatre Dance I (2)
- DANC 452 - Musical Theatre Dance II (2)
- THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)
- THEA 360 - Creative Drama (3)
- THEA 391 - Theatre for Youth Ensemble (0-1)
- THEA 394 - Musical Theatre Ensemble (0-1)
- THEA 397 - Acting Ensemble (0-1)
- THEA 424 - Theatre Internship (3)
- THEA 455 - Directed Studies in Theatre (1, 2, or 3)

General Electives: 32 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* Language Requirement: A placement exam alone cannot satisfy this requirement. Four (4) credits of language are required (202 or higher). However, many students will complete up to 16 language credits. These additional credits will be applied to the General Electives block.

Musical Theatre Major (BFA)

The bachelor of fine arts (BFA) degree in musical theatre is a pre-professional program designed for students who wish to pursue a career in musical theatre. The program will provide interrelated educational experiences in music, theatre, and dance that prepare students for the production of musical theatre in the professional and academic theatre environments.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Musical Theatre Major (BFA): 91 Credits

Theatre: 36-52 Credits

- THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)
- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 113 - Intermediate Acting (3)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 312 - Acting Methods (3)
- THEA 313 - Acting Styles (3)
- THEA 316 - Musical Theatre Auditioning (3)
- THEA 317 - Musical Theatre Song Study (3)
- THEA 318 - Musical Theatre Scene Study (3)
- THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)

- THEA 398 - Technical Theatre Ensemble (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 434 - Musical Theatre History I (3)
- THEA 435 - Musical Theatre History II (3)
- THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Music: 23 Credits

- MUSA 1257 - Voice (2) (*must take twice for 4 total credits*)
- MUSA 2157-4357 - Voice (1, 2, 3) (*take for 6 total credits*)
- MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)
- MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)
- MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)
- MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)
- MUSC 1720 - University Chorale (0-1) (*two semesters*)
- MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1)
- MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1)

Dance: 18 Credits

- 14 credits of dance technique courses** but MUST include the following:
 - DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
 - DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
 - DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 451 - Musical Theatre Dance I (2)
- DANC 452 - Musical Theatre Dance II (2)

Musical Theatre Electives: 6 Credits

- Choose 6 upper-level credits in theatre, music, or dance

Total Required Credits: 128

*Proficiency through 102 can only be met through successful completion of a language course at the 102 or higher level. Some students may need to complete language 101 before taking 102. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives.

**If dance proficiency is met, the student will replace the credits with dance technique electives to reach a minimum of 14 credits of dance technique courses.

Theatre Major (BA)

The bachelor of arts (BA) degree is ideal for students who want a broad education in addition to production and performance experience. Students can take classes in a variety of theatre areas such as acting, directing, stage management, design, and playwriting. The program is designed to ensure that students graduate with a sound artistic and experiential base for further pursuits in education and in life beyond the university.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Theatre Major: 36-44 Credits

Theatre Core: 24-32 Credits

- THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)
- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)
- THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)
- THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)
- THEA 347 - Stage Management (3)
- THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Design Course: 3 Credits (*choose one course*)

- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)

Dance/Movement Course: 2 Credits (*choose one course*)

- DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)
- DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)

- DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)
- DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 221 - Modern Dance I (2)
- DANC 222 - Modern Dance II (2)

Theatre Electives: 12 Credits** (*choose 12 credits*)

- THEA 312 - Acting Methods (3)
- THEA 313 - Acting Styles (3)
- THEA 316 - Musical Theatre Auditioning (3)
- THEA 317 - Musical Theatre Song Study (3)
- THEA 318 - Musical Theatre Scene Study (3)
- THEA 323 - Advanced Directing (3)
- THEA 324 - Directing for Theatre for Young Audiences (3)
- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 342 - Scenic Art for the Theatre (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)
- THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)
- THEA 360 - Creative Drama (3)
- THEA 361 - Theatre for Youth Tour (2)
- THEA 362 - Theatre for Youth Community Engagement (1)
- THEA 363 - Introduction to Puppetry (3)
- THEA 370 - Stage Combat (3)
- THEA 375 - Acting Workshop (1)
- THEA 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)
- THEA 391 - Theatre for Youth Ensemble (0-1)
- THEA 394 - Musical Theatre Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 397 - Acting Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 398 - Technical Theatre Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 414 - Playwriting (3)
- THEA 415 - Advanced Playwriting (3)
- THEA 424 - Theatre Internship (3)
- THEA 434 - Musical Theatre History I (3)
- THEA 435 - Musical Theatre History II (3)
- THEA 443 - Computer Aided Design (3)
- THEA 455 - Directed Studies in Theatre (1, 2, or 3)
- THEA 463 - Theatre for Youth Curriculum Development (3)
- THEA 464 - Theatre for Youth History and Literature (3)
- FLMT 310 - Screenwriting (3)
- FLMT 371 - Acting for the Camera (3)

General Electives: 35-43 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* Proficiency through 102 can only be met through successful completion of a language course at the 102 or higher level. Some students may need to complete language 101 before taking 102. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives.

** This course may be repeated.

Theatre Major w/a Concentration in Acting and Directing (BA)

In the bachelor of arts (BA) in theatre with a concentration in acting and directing students can focus on a single area of study or combine their passions to develop a desired skill set.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Theatre Major w/Acting and Directing Concentration: 39-47 Credits

Theatre Core: 27-35 Credits

- THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)
- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 113 - Intermediate Acting (3)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)

- THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)
- THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)
- THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)
- THEA 347 - Stage Management (3)
- THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Design Course: 3 Credits (*choose one course*)

- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)

Dance/Movement Course: 2 Credits (*choose one course*)

- DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)
- DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
- DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)
- DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 221 - Modern Dance I (2)
- DANC 222 - Modern Dance II (2)

Acting/Directing Electives: 12 Credits (*choose 12 credits*)

- THEA 312 - Acting Methods (3)
- THEA 313 - Acting Styles (3)
- THEA 316 - Musical Theatre Auditioning (3)
- THEA 317 - Musical Theatre Song Study (3)
- THEA 318 - Musical Theatre Scene Study (3)
- THEA 323 - Advanced Directing (3)
- THEA 324 - Directing for Theatre-Young Audience (3)
- THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)
- THEA 360 - Creative Drama (3)
- THEA 361 - Theatre for Youth Tour (2)
- THEA 362 - Theatre for Youth Community Engagement (1)
- THEA 363 - Introduction to Puppetry (3)
- THEA 370 - Stage Combat (3)
- THEA 375 - Acting Workshop (1)
- THEA 391 - Theatre for Youth Ensemble (0-1)
- THEA 393 - Collaborative Theatre: Using Imagination, Commitment, and Risk-Taking to Devise Original Work (1)
- THEA 394 - Musical Theatre Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 397 - Acting Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 414 - Playwriting (3)
- THEA 424 - Theatre Internship (3)
- THEA 434 - Musical Theatre History I (3)
- THEA 435 - Musical Theatre History II (3)
- THEA 455 - Directed Studies in Theatre (1, 2, or 3)
- FLMT 310 - Screenwriting (3)
- FLMT 371 - Acting for the Camera (3)

General Electives: 32-40 Credits

Total Credits Required: 128

*Proficiency through 102 can only be met through successful completion of a language course at the 102 or higher level. Some students may need to complete language 101 before taking 102. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives.

** This course may be repeated.

Theatre Major w/a Concentration in Production Design & Technology (BA)

The bachelor of arts (BA) in theatre with a concentration in production design and technology combines challenging courses with the opportunities to perform vital roles in both our mainstage season and our student produced Underground Theatre. Students work closely with theatre professionals and learn the fundamental skills necessary to be successful in the entertainment business and are given the opportunity to take leadership roles on productions and throughout the department.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Theatre Major w/Production Design and Technology Concentration: 36-44 Credits

Theatre Core: 24-32 Credits

- THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)
- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)
- THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)
- THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)
- THEA 347 - Stage Management (3)
- THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Design Course: 3 Credits (choose one course)

- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)

Dance/Movement Course: 2 Credits (choose one course)

- DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)
- DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
- DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)
- DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 221 - Modern Dance I (2)
- DANC 222 - Modern Dance II (2)

Design/Technology Electives: 12 Credits (choose 12 credits)

- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 342 - Scenic Art for the Theatre (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)
- THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)
- THEA 361 - Theatre for Youth Tour (2)
- THEA 363 - Introduction to Puppetry (3)
- THEA 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)
- THEA 398 - Technical Theatre Ensemble (0-1) **
- THEA 424 - Theatre Internship (3)
- THEA 443 - Computer Aided Design (3)
- THEA 455 - Directed Studies in Theatre (1, 2, or 3)

General Electives: 35-43 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Proficiency through 102 can only be met through successful completion of a language course at the 102 or higher level. Some students may need to complete language 101 before taking 102. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives.

** This course may be repeated.

Theatre for Youth Major: Performance and Teaching Artistry (BFA)

The bachelor of fine arts (BFA) in theatre for youth (TY): performance and teaching artistry provides a comprehensive training experience including academics, studio training, performance opportunities, and outreach. The Department of Theatre and Dance offers TY students the opportunity to be involved in mainstage productions including an annual TY selection. In addition, TY students are a part of touring performances at local schools and are actively involved in outreach and camp experiences.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- One course in Mathematics OR Natural and Computational Sciences (4)
- Social Sciences: SOCI 100 - Introduction to Sociology (4)
- Languages (4) (proficiency through 102 or higher*)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3), SOA 210 (3), or SOA 250 (3)

Theatre for Youth Major: 74-90 Credits

Theatre Core: 27-35 Credits

- THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)
- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 113 - Intermediate Acting (3)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Prod (0-1) (*must take 8 times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)
- THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)
- THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)
- THEA 347 - Stage Management (3)
- THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Design Course: 3 Credits (*choose one course*)

- THEA 341 - Set Design (3)
- THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)
- THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)
- THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)
- THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)

Theatre for Youth Core: 15 Credits

- THEA 324 - Directing for Theatre for Young Audiences (3)
- THEA 360 - Creative Drama (3)
- THEA 361 - Theatre for Youth Tour (2) (*may be repeated once*)
- THEA 362 - Theatre for Youth Community Engagement (1) (*may be repeated*)
- THEA 463 - Theatre for Youth Curriculum Development (3)
- THEA 464 - Theatre for Youth History and Literature (3)

Acting: 9 Credits (*choose 9 credits*)

- FLMT 371 - Acting for the Camera (3)
- THEA 312 - Acting Methods (3)
- THEA 313 - Acting Styles (3)
- THEA 375 - Acting Workshop (1) (*may be repeated*)
- THEA 391 - Theatre for Youth Ensemble (0-1) (*may be repeated*)
- THEA 397 - Acting Ensemble (0-1) (*may be repeated*)

Dance: 4 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)
- DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
- DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)
- DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)
- DANC 451 - Musical Theatre Dance I (2)
- DANC 452 - Musical Theatre Dance II (2)

Music: 2-6 Credits

Choose between MUSC or MUSA:

(*choose 2 credits from the following*)

- MUSC 1920 - Class Voice I (1)
- MUSC 1921 - Class Voice II (1)

OR

(*choose 2-6 credits from the following*)

- MUSA 1257 - Voice (2) (*take twice for 4 total credits*)
- MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)

Education and Sociology: 6 Credits

- EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2)
- SOCI 349 - Sociology of Children and Youth (4)

Dance, Music, and Theatre Electives: 8-12 Credits

(choose 8-12 credits in theatre, dance, and/or music)

General Electives: 1-17 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*Proficiency through 102 can only be met through successful completion of a language course at the 102 or higher level. Some students may need to complete language 101 before taking 102. Credits for 101 will be applied towards General Electives.

Dance Minor

Dance: 23 Credits

- DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)
- DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)
- DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)
- DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)
- DANC 210 - Dance Performance (0-1) (*take twice for credit*)
- DANC 221 - Modern Dance I (2)
- DANC 222 - Modern Dance II (2)
- DANC 401 - Choreography (2)
- DANC 410 - Dance History (3)
- DANC 450 - Dance Pedagogy (2)
- THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)

Total Required Credits: 23

*Students who test into a higher level of dance may substitute DANC 103 (Ballet III) or DANC 360 (Dance Company) for DANC 101-222. DANC 360 may be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Theatre Minor

This general minor in theatre invites students to explore the many facets of this exciting field. Students have the opportunity to take a variety of classes in acting, playwriting, stage management, directing, costume, set or lighting design and stage management. The curriculum is very flexible and encourages students to develop a primary interest for upper-division course work. All minor students are eligible to participate in performance and production projects.

Theatre Minor: 17-20 Credits

Theatre Core: 8-11 Credits

- THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)
- THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1) (*take three times*)
- THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)
- THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3) *or*
 - THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)

Theatre Electives: 9 Credits

(choose 9 credits from the following)

- THEA 100-499 (9)

Total Required Credits: 17-20

Brock School of Business

Academic Administration

Marci S. Johns, Interim Dean; Administrative Faculty

Sara E. Helms McCarty, Associate Dean; Margaret Gage Bush Distinguished Professor of Economics

History

The Brock School of Business was named in 2007 for long-time Samford trustee, banking pioneer, and entrepreneur Harry B. Brock, Jr.

The School of Business is fully accredited by AACSB International.

The business school offers undergraduate programs of study leading to the bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) with majors in accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, management, and marketing. Concentrations in data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, and sports marketing are also available. Students in the University Fellows program can pursue the Brock Scholars major while students whose primary focus is not business can pursue a bachelor of arts (BA) in economics. Non-business students may pursue minors in accounting, data analytics, economics, entrepreneurship, general business, marketing, and social entrepreneurship and non-profit management.

The business school also offers two special joint degrees: the Professional Accountancy program, leading to a BSBA in accounting initially, but ultimately to a master of accountancy (MAcc), with an optional concentration in data analytics; and the Fast-Track in Sports Business program, leading to a BSBA in management initially, but ultimately to a master of business (MBA), each with an emphasis in sports business.

In addition, at the graduate level, students may earn the master of accountancy (MAcc), with an optional concentration in data analytics, or the master of business administration (MBA), with optional concentrations in data analytics, finance, and sports business.

Mission

The Samford University Brock School of Business delivers life-long business education to its constituents through quality teaching, meaningful scholarship, and servant relationships, imbued by its Christian commitment.

Vision

The Samford University Brock School of Business is a recognized leader and school of choice among institutions offering undergraduate and graduate business education informed by Christian principles.

Core Values

- We affirm Samford University's purpose and mission as our own in the development of business leaders.
- We believe that our Christian perspectives and commitments should permeate and integrate all of our organizational goals and activities.
- We consider learning to be an activity that never ceases, and that the life of the mind is a faithful and noble pursuit.
- We believe that service within organizations is a vocation in the sense that it is a calling that should be treated with great importance and utmost respect.
- We believe in the pursuit of excellence in all dimensions and activities.
- We value the creation of timely, relevant, participatory, and experiential learning environments that develop well-trained persons who add value and achieve fulfilling roles within their organizations, communities, and the global environment.
- We value research and scholarship that develops core competencies, serves society, and equips people and organizations to cope with change and meet challenges.
- We are blessed with and compelled by our tremendous resources to serve our community.
- We respect and value unique and diverse experiences and perspectives contributed by individuals learning and working in a collegial environment.
- We demand ethical behavior, integrity, caring concern, and stewardship from ourselves, our constituents, and the organizations we serve.

Accreditation

The Brock School of Business is accredited by AACSB International-the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (www.aacsb.edu) and by SACS-the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Accounting Major (BSBA)
Brock Scholars Major (Non-Fellows) (BSBA)
Brock Scholars Major (Fellows) (BSBA)
Economics Major (BA)
Economics Major (BSBA)
Entrepreneurship Major (BSBA)
Finance Major (BSBA)
Management Major (BSBA)
Marketing Major (BSBA)

Minors

Accounting Minor
Data Analytics Minor
Economics Minor
Entrepreneurship Minor
General Business Minor
Marketing Minor
Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management Minor

Major-Dependent Concentrations (BSBA Degrees only)

Data Analytics Concentration
Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation Concentration
Professional Sales Concentration
Real Estate Concentration
Risk Management and Insurance Concentration
Social Entrepreneurship Concentration
Sports Marketing Concentration

Interdisciplinary Concentrations*

Language and World Trade Interdisciplinary Concentration
Public Administration Interdisciplinary Concentration

Non-Degree/Pre-Professional Major

Pre-Business Major (Non-Fellows)
Pre-Business Major (Fellows)

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Accountancy (MAcc) with a BSBA in Accounting (aka Professional Accountancy)
Fast-Track Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a BSBA in Management (aka Fast-Track in Sports Business)

The Brock School of Business offers majors in accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, management, and marketing, each leading to a bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) degree. Any of the above majors may be combined with any of the following concentrations: data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, and/or sports marketing. For University Fellows and outstanding pre-business students pursuing a major in business, the Brock Scholars major is available to those who meet the selection criteria (see Brock Scholars Major (BSBA)-Non-Fellows for more information). For students whose primary focus is not business, a bachelor of arts (BA) in economics is also available.

The business school offers two special accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway programs. The Professional Accountancy program allows students to earn a BSBA in accounting initially, but ultimately a master of accountancy (MAcc). Upon completion of 152-153 credits, students will have earned both degrees. The second is the a Fast-Track in Sports Business program, which allows a student to earn a BSBA in management initially, but ultimately a master of business (MBA), each with an emphasis in sports business. Upon completion of 159 credits, students will have earned both degrees.

In addition, minors are offered in accounting, data analytics, economics, entrepreneurship, general business, marketing, and social entrepreneurship and non-profit management. However, none of the above minors are available for School of Business majors.

The non-degree pre-business major is for students who are planning to declare a business major, but who must first complete the pre-business curriculum. See Admission into the Brock School of Business subsection for more information.

*See the Department of World Language and Cultures section for details on language and world trade and the Department of Political Science section for details on public administration.

Student Objectives

BA in Economics: Graduates will be able to identify and discuss the importance of key macroeconomic indicators; describe the policy tools which influence economic growth, prices, and employment; identify and explain the major types of market structures; and identify those conditions where market failure is most likely to occur.

BSBA in Accounting: Graduates will be prepared to pursue a professional career as a CPA, CMA, CIA, auditor, tax accountant, or other positions requiring accounting credentials.

BSBA in Brock Scholars: Graduates will be prepared to engage in their selected vocation.

BSBA in Economics: Graduates will be prepared to enter a variety of fields and careers in business and public policy. The economics major is easily paired as a double-major with other programs within the School of Business so that students focusing on accounting, management, marketing, finance, or entrepreneurship will be equipped with both specific skills and a broad general knowledge of economic forces that impact industry and government.

BSBA in Entrepreneurship: Graduates will be prepared to start or find employment in new, family, or small ventures. Students will be equipped with both specific skills and broad general knowledge of factors impacting the success of these businesses.

BSBA in Finance: The finance major provides students with the analytic and theoretical tools necessary for mastering practical issues in financial management of private businesses and other financial institutions. Graduates will be prepared to enter a variety of areas in

finance-related fields. Such positions include investment banking firms, securities sales, financial planning, commercial banking, securities research, and corporate treasurer functions.

BSBA in Management: Graduates will be prepared in general knowledge of core functional areas of business, equipped for immediate entry-level positions in functional areas and industries of choice, and trained for the potential long-term goal of higher-level management positions.

BSBA in Marketing: Graduates will be prepared to explore opportunities in advertising, sales, market research, retailing, product management, and public relations. The program focuses on marketing for products and services, occurring in for-profit as well as not-for-profit organizations.

BSBA in Accounting/Master of Accountancy (MAcc): Graduates will be prepared to pursue a professional career as a CPA, CMA, CIA, auditor, tax accountant, or other positions requiring accounting credentials.

Concentration in Data Analytics: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration helps immerse students in key analytics concepts such as data management and data mining.

Concentration in Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration prepares students to start or find employment in new, family, or large innovative firms. The program will equip students with both specific skills and a broad general knowledge of factors impacting the success of these businesses.

Concentration in Professional Sales: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration helps students prepare for careers in many different business fields where sales skills are valued.

Concentration in Real Estate: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration equips students with the skills and knowledge required for careers in the field of real estate. The concentration is designed to provide preparation for students whose primary focus is in the area of real estate sales or real estate finance.

Concentration in Risk Management and Insurance: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration equips students with the skills required for employment in the areas of risk management and insurance, including those desiring preparation for work as corporate risk managers, as agents/brokers, and with insurance carriers, for both personal and commercial lines of insurance.

Concentration in Social Entrepreneurship: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration equips students to start or find employment in either not-for-profit organizations or for-profit firms pursuing social missions. Students will focus on broad issues, such as the role of these organizations in a national economy, and develop specific skills needed to successfully run these types of organizations.

Concentration in Sports Marketing: Coupled with any BSBA major, this concentration equips students with the skills necessary for career opportunities in the global sports marketplace. The concentration presents a rigorous curriculum in such areas as sponsorship, international sports marketing, advertising, social media, and analytics while paying close attention to industry trends.

Admission into the Brock School of Business

To be admitted into the Brock School of Business, students must earn a C- or better in each pre-business course, a 2.25 or higher pre-business GPA in business school courses (prefixes ACCT, BUSA, DATA, and ECON, utilizing the highest grade earned in each pre-business course), and a cumulative 2.00 Samford University GPA. Pre-business courses consist of ACCT 211, ACCT 212; BUSA 200, DATA 200, DATA 201; and ECON 201, ECON 202.

Admission to the School of Business will be automatic for students who meet the above requirements.

Provisional admission status will be granted if a student meets the 2.25 pre-business GPA and 2.00 Samford GPA requirements but has not completed at least **one** pre-business course and/or has not met the C- requirement. Such students will be allowed to take 300-level business courses but will not be allowed to progress to 400-level business courses until the completion of the **one** pre-business course and until the C- requirement are met.

Progression Policy

Once admitted into the Brock School of Business, a student must maintain a cumulative 2.00 GPA in School of Business courses to graduate.

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 128 credits.
2. Complete at least 50% of business courses at Samford. Only six (6) transient hours will be allowed for all business courses from the 100-400 level.

Exception: See **Important Note** below the Accounting Major table. All lower-level transient courses (200-level and below) are to be accepted only from "Accredited Colleges and Universities." All upper-level courses (300-level and above) are to be accepted only with the approval of the appropriate department chair. The general assumption is that such approval will be granted only when the course has been taken at an AACSB-accredited college or university. No 100- or 200-level transient (transferred) course is equivalent to a 300- or 400-level business course.

3. Earn a 2.00 GPA in each of the following areas: Samford, business, and the 24 credits which constitute a major. These GPA assessments will utilize the highest grade earned in each pre-business course.
4. Meet other requirements as outlined by the university.

Exceptions

Approval of course substitutions, prerequisite waivers, or other exceptions to the degree requirements are rare and made only under extreme circumstances. The associate dean or director of undergraduate programs approves such exceptions.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

All Brock School of Business majors must take COSC 107 (Introduction to Computer Science) as their general education natural/computational science requirement, ECON 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics) as their general education social science requirement, and MATH 130 (Introduction to Applied Mathematics) (or higher) as their general education mathematics requirement. All pre-business majors must earn a C- or better in MATH 130 and COSC 107 to progress into their major.

Language

The study of a language introduces the student to another culture active in the global economy and develops his/her ability to communicate with individuals of that culture. The student may satisfy this requirement by taking eight credits at the 100 level or by proficiency, via language placement, as determined by the Department of World Languages and Cultures, using a combination of the placement test and the high school transcript evaluation.

Accounting

Faculty

Cynthia F. Lohrke, Interim Chair, Professor
William H. Belski, Associate Professor
Brandi L. Holley, Assistant Professor
Garrison LaDuca, Assistant Professor

Michelle R. Newberry, Assistant Professor
Kyle W. Outlaw, Assistant Professor
Cameron C. Pearce, Instructor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Accounting Major (BSBA)

The accounting major allows for optional concentrations in:

Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation, Professional Sales, Real Estate, Risk Management and Insurance, Social Entrepreneurship, and/or Sports Marketing

Minor

Accounting Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Accountancy (MAcc) with a BSBA in Accounting (aka Professional Accountancy)

The Department of Accounting offers a major in accounting that leads to the bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) degree. In addition, students can earn a concentration in data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, and/or sports marketing. The department also offers coursework leading to the master of accountancy (MAcc) degree.

Additionally, the department also offers a minor in accounting. However, it's not available for School of Business majors.

The department also offers a special accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program, the Professional Accountancy program, leading to a BSBA in accounting initially, but ultimately to a master of accountancy (MAcc). This program is only available to students enrolled as undergraduates pursuing a BSBA in accounting and is designed to allow students to earn both degrees upon completion of 152-153 credits.

Student Objectives

BSBA in Accounting: Graduates will be prepared to pursue a professional career as a CPA, CMA, CIA, auditor, tax accountant, or other positions requiring accounting credentials.

BSBA in Accounting/Master of Accountancy: Graduates will be prepared to pursue a professional career as a CPA, CMA, CIA, auditor, tax accountant, or other positions requiring a graduate degree and/or professional certification. Graduates of this program will have met the requirements necessary to sit for the CPA exam in Alabama.

Accounting Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 18-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Accounting Major: 74 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Accounting Core: 18 Credits

- ACCT 310 - Income Tax I (3)
- ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 312 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- ACCT 420 - Auditing I (3)
- ACCT 470 - Accounting Information Systems (3)
- BUSA 454 - Business Law (3)

Accounting Elective: 6 Credits

(choose two courses)

- ACCT 410 - Income Tax II (3)
- ACCT 413 - Advanced Managerial Accounting (3)
- ACCT 415 - Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting (3)
- ACCT 494 - Topics in Accounting (3)
- ACCT 496 - Accounting Internship (2-3)

Business Electives-Accounting Majors: 6 Credits

(choose two 300/400-level business course not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

General Electives: 6-18 Credits**

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Important Note: To qualify for graduation, accounting majors must earn a grade of C- or better in all accounting courses and must complete five of the six 300-400 level ACCT core courses at Samford.

Professional Accountancy Program (BSBA/MAcc)

The Professional Accountancy Program offers seamless integration of coursework within our BSBA and MAcc degree programs to prepare students for professional accountancy careers. Students are notified of their conditional acceptance along with their financial aid package for the program by November 15 of their senior year. This declaration will be used to alert the Brock School of Business Academic Programs Office and the Registrar's Office that this student will matriculate into the Professional Accountancy Program. Candidates of this degree program will earn both the BSBA in accounting and the master of accountancy degree assuming continued successful enrollment.

Students must have a minimum overall 2.75 GPA for program admission, including a 2.75 GPA in all prior undergraduate ACCT courses.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 26-27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)
- General Electives (0-12)

Professional Accountancy Major: 104 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Business Electives-Accounting Majors: 6 Credits

(choose two 300/400-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Professional Accountancy Track - Undergraduate: 24 Credits

- ACCT 310 - Income Tax I (3)
- ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 312 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- ACCT 410 - Income Tax II (3) ***
- ACCT 413 - Advanced Managerial Accounting (3) ***
- ACCT 420 - Auditing I (3)
- ACCT 470 - Accounting Information Systems (3)
- BUSA 454 - Business Law (3)

Professional Accountancy Track - Graduate: 15 Credits

Complete the following graduate accounting courses:

- ACCT 515 - Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting (3)
- ACCT 520 - Auditing II (3)
- ACCT 531 - Data Analytics for Accounting and Finance (3)
- ACCT 540 - Advanced Accounting (3)
- ACCT 580 - Corporate Reporting and Finance (3)

Graduate Accounting Electives: 15 Credits

(choose at least five courses for a total of 15 credits)

- ACCT 510 - Income Taxation II (3)
- ACCT 513 - Advanced Managerial Accounting (3)
- ACCT 514 - Tax Research (3)
- ACCT 521 - Fraud Examination (3)
- ACCT 555 - Accounting Internship (3)
- ACCT 570 - Financial Statement Analysis (3)
- ACCT 575 - Digital Accounting (3)
- ACCT 590 - Accounting Measurement and Disclosure (3)
- ACCT 594 - Topics in Accounting (3)
- ACCT 599 - Contemporary Issues in Accounting (1)

Total Required Credits: 152-153

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Must meet prerequisite of course selected.

***Other undergraduate ACCT courses may be applicable as substitutions for these requirements. See your advisor.

NOTE: See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions of graduate business courses.

NOTE: This program is under review and subject to change.

Accounting Minor

The accounting minor offers non-business students the opportunity to study the principles, concepts, and methods of business, accounting, and financial reporting. Upon completion of the accounting minor, students will have the background necessary for further study in accounting in Samford's MAcc program. Students must earn a C- or better in each required course. Only ACCT 211 and ACCT 212 may be transferred into this minor; all other courses must be completed in residence.

Accounting Minor: 25 Credits

Accounting and Business: 25 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- ACCT 310 - Income Tax I (3)
- ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 312 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- ACCT 420 - Auditing I (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *

Total Required Credits: 25

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain 2.00 GPA in the accounting minor.

NOTE 2: Accounting minors can only transfer in ACCT 211 and ACCT 212; the remaining courses must be taken in residence.

NOTE 3: The accounting minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis

Faculty

Rustin (Rusty) Yerkes, Chair, Professor
William (Art) Carden, Professor
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J. Michael Hardin, Professor
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Beck A. Taylor, Professor

Jeremy P. Thornton, Professor
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Anna-Leigh Stone Hankins, Associate Professor
Stephen E. Hill, Associate Professor
Jaejoo (Jay) Lim, Associate Professor
Kevin K. Pan, Associate Professor
Olga Shapoval, Instructor

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Economics Major (BA)
Economics Major (BSBA)
Finance Major (BSBA)

Each of the above BSBA majors allows for optional concentrations in:

Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation, Professional Sales, Real Estate, Risk Management and Insurance, Social Entrepreneurship, and/or Sports Marketing

Minors

Data Analytics Minor
Economics Minor

The Department of Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis offers majors in economics and finance, each leading to a bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) degree. In addition, students can earn a concentration in data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, and/or sports marketing. For students whose primary focus is not business, a bachelor of arts (BA) in economics is also available.

The department also offers a minor in data analytics and a minor in economics. However, neither minor is available for School of Business majors.

Student Objectives

BA in Economics: Graduates will be able to identify and discuss the importance of key macroeconomic indicators; describe the policy tools which influence economic growth, prices, and employment; identify and explain the major types of market structures; and identify those conditions where market failure is most likely to occur.

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BSBA in Finance: The finance major provides students with the analytic and theoretical tools necessary for mastering practical issues in financial management of private businesses and other financial institutions. Graduates will be prepared to enter a variety of areas in finance-related fields. Such positions include investment banking firms, securities sales, financial planning, commercial banking, securities research, and corporate treasurer functions.

Economics Major (BA)

The economics major (BA) provides students with the tools to study how incentive structures cause people, firms, and governments to make optimal or less than optimal decisions. Students will learn how to research and analyze the marketplace by examining logical models. These models can then be applied to particular problems to predict actions that need to be taken to incentivize people, firms, and governments to react in a certain way. Such models involve analyzing economic, political, historical, and social indicators in order to understand the economic marketplace.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 22-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences:
 - COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
 - PLUS one lab science course from the Gen Ed List (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-4) (proficiency through 202 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Economics Major (BA): 34-35 Credits

Economics Core: 22 Credits

- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 301 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 302 - Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)

Economics Electives: 12-13 Credits

(choose four courses)

- DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)
- ECON 401 - Money and Banking (3)
- ECON 410 - Game Theory (3)
- ECON 415 - Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (3)
- ECON 420 - International Economics (3)
- ECON 421 - Behavioral Economics (3)
- ECON 426 - Topics in Economics (3)
- ECON 430 - Law and Economics (3)
- ECON 435 - Public Finance and Public Policy (3)
- ECON 450 - Labor Economics (3)
- FINC 428 - Financial Institutions (3)
- FINC 450 - Bulldog Investment Fund (1-3) *(take 3 credits)*

General Electives: 45-50 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Economics Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 14-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Economics Major (BSBA): 74 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Economics Core: 9 Credits

- ECON 301 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 302 - Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)

Business Electives-Economics Majors: 15 Credits

(choose five upper-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Economics Electives: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)
- ECON 401 - Money and Banking (3)
- ECON 410 - Game Theory (3)
- ECON 415 - Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (3)
- ECON 420 - International Economics (3)
- ECON 421 - Behavioral Economics (3)
- ECON 426 - Topics in Economics (3)
- ECON 430 - Law and Economics (3)
- ECON 435 - Public Finance and Public Policy (3)
- ECON 450 - Labor Economics (3)
- FINC 428 - Financial Institutions (3)
- FINC 450 - Bulldog Invest Fund (1-3) *(take for 3 credits)*

General Electives: 6-18 Credits**

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Finance Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 14-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) *or* SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Finance Major: 74 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Finance Core: 15 Credits

- FINC 422 - Financial Statement Analysis (3)
- FINC 424 - Investments (3)
- FINC 428 - Financial Institutions (3)
- FINC 429 - Intermediate Financial Management (3)
- FINC 430 - Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (3)

Business Electives-Finance Majors: 12 Credits

(choose four upper-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Finance Elective: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)
- ACCT 312 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)
- BUSA 410 - Real Estate Principles (3)
- ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)
- FINC 405 - Private Equity and Impact Investing (3)
- FINC 411 - Real Estate Finance and Investments (3)
- FINC 421 - Behavioral Finance (3)

- FINC 423 - History of Capitalism (3)
- FINC 425 - International Insurance Markets (3)
- FINC 426 - Topics in Finance (3)
- FINC 427 - Financial Risk Management (3)
- FINC 440 - Financial Technologies/Insurance Technologies (3)
- FINC 444 - Security Analysis (3)
- FINC 450 - Bulldog Investment Fund (1-3) **
- FINC 460 - Treasury Management (3)
- FINC 492 - Business Internship: Finance (3)
- FINC 499 - Risk Management and Insurance Internship (3)

General Electives: 6-18 Credits***

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above. | **An additional 3 credits may be applied to business electives or general electives. | ***Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Data Analytics Minor

This program seeks to prepare non-business majors to enter the growing field of data analytics. Students interested in pursuing the minor will be immersed in key analytics concepts such as data management and data mining. These classroom skills will be augmented by a real-world internship in data analytics.

Data Analytics: 23 Credits

- COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4) *
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- DATA 499 - Data Analytics Internship (3)

Total Required Credits: 23

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education natural and computational science requirement.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the data analytics minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The data analytics minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Economics Minor

Economics Minor: 21 Credits

Economics Core: 6 Credits

- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Economics Electives: 15 Credits (*choose five courses*)

- ECON 301 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)
- ECON 302 - Intermediate Microeconomics (3)
- ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)
- ECON 401 - Money and Banking (3)
- ECON 410 - Game Theory (3)
- ECON 415 - Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (3)
- ECON 420 - International Economics (3)
- ECON 421 - Behavioral Economics (3)
- ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)
- ECON 426 - Topics in Economics (3)
- ECON 430 - Law and Economics (3)
- ECON 435 - Public Finance and Public Policy (3)
- FINC 428 - Financial Institutions (3)
- FINC 450 - Bulldog Investment Fund (1-3) (*take for 3 credits*)
- Economics Elective (3)

Total Required Credits: 21

* Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the economics minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The economics minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Entrepreneurship, Management, and Marketing

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Entrepreneurship Major (BSBA)

Management Major (BSBA)

Marketing Major (BSBA)

Each of the above majors allows for optional concentrations in:

Data Analytics, Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation, Professional Sales, Real Estate, Risk Management and Insurance, Social Entrepreneurship, and/or Sports Marketing

Minors

Entrepreneurship Minor

General Business Minor

Marketing Minor

Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a BSBA in Management (aka Fast-Track in Sports Business)

The Department of Entrepreneurship, Management, and Marketing offers majors in entrepreneurship, management, and marketing, each leading to a bachelor of science in business administration (BSBA) degree. In addition, students can earn a concentration in data analytics, entrepreneurship and corporate innovation, professional sales, real estate, risk management and insurance, social entrepreneurship, and/or sports marketing.

Minors in entrepreneurship, general business, marketing, as well as social entrepreneurship and non-profit management are also available. However, none of the minors are available for School of Business majors.

The department also offers a special accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program, the Fast-Track in Sports Business program, which allows a student to earn a BSBA in management initially, but ultimately a master of business (MBA), each with an emphasis in sports business. This program is only available to students enrolled as undergraduates pursuing a BSBA in management and is designed to allow students to earn both degrees upon completion of 159 credits.

Student Objectives

BSBA in Entrepreneurship: Graduates will be prepared to start or find employment in new, family, or small ventures as well as large, innovative firms. Students will be equipped with both specific skills and broad general knowledge of factors impacting the success of these businesses.

BSBA in Management: Graduates will be prepared in general knowledge of core functional areas of business, equipped for immediate entry-level positions in functional areas and industries of choice, and trained for the potential long-term goal of higher level management positions.

BSBA in Marketing: Graduates will be prepared to explore opportunities in advertising, sales, market research, retailing, product management, and public relations. The program focuses on marketing for products and services, occurring in for-profit as well as not-for-profit organizations.

Entrepreneurship Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 14-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Entrepreneurship Major: 74 Credits
Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Prof Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Entrepreneurship Core: 15 Credits

- ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3)
- ENTR 409 - Management of Innovation (3) *or* MNGT 407 - Project Management (3)
- ENTR 410 - Entrepreneurial Finance (3)
- ENTR 445 - Experiencing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (3)
- MARK 414 - Market Research (3)

Business Electives-Entrepreneurship Majors: 12 Credits

(choose four upper-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Entrepreneurship Elective: 3 Credits

*(choose any 400-level ENTR or MARK course not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major) ***

- ENTR 400-499 or MARK 400-499 (3)

General Electives: 6-18 Credits***

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Double majors may be able to substitute another internship for ENTR 494 with MGMK department chair approval.

***Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Management Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 14-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) *or* SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Management Major: 74 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Profess Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Management Core: 12 Credits

- BUSA 496 - Business Management Internship I (1-3)
- ENTR 409 - Management of Innovation (3) *or* MNGT 407 - Project Management (3)
- MNGT 404 - Human Resource Management (3)
- MNGT 405 - Leadership (3)

Business Electives-Management Majors: 15 Credits

(choose five upper-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Management Elective: 3 Credits

(choose any 400-level ENTR or MNGT course not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- ENTR 400-499 (3); MNGT 400-499 (3)

General Electives: 6-18 Credits**

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Marketing Major (BSBA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 14-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) *or* SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Marketing Major: 74 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Business Core: 28 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Profess Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Marketing Core: 12 Credits

- MARK 414 - Market Research (3)
- MARK 416 - Consumer Behavior (3)
- MARK 450 - Marketing Strategy (3)
- MARK 460 - Digital Marketing Strategy and Analytics (3)

Business Electives-Marketing Majors: 12 Credits

(choose four upper-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Marketing Electives: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)
- MARK 402 - Retail Marketing (3)
- MARK 405 - Social Media Marketing (3)
- MARK 415 - Integrated Marketing Communications (3)
- MARK 417 - Topics in Marketing (3)
- MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)
- MARK 419 - Services Marketing (3)
- MARK 420 - Sales Leadership (3)
- MARK 421 - Cross Cultural Marketing (3)
- MARK 422 - Customer Journey and Content Marketing (3)
- MARK 423 - Marketing Analytics (3)
- MARK 431 - Advanced Sports Business and Analytics (3)
- MARK 491 - Business Internship: Marketing (3) *or* BUSA 498 - Business Research Project I (3)

- MARK 492 - Business Internship: Professional Sales (3)
- MARK 493 - Business Internship: Sports Marketing (3)

General Electives: 6-18 Credits**

Total Required Credits: 128

*Pre-Business curriculum also includes ECON 201 from above.

**Additional credits may be required, depending on placements in UCS 102, language, and math.

Entrepreneurship Minor

This program will equip students with the foundational knowledge and skills needed to start or work in new and small businesses or in large, innovative companies. The minor is suitable for students enrolled in non-business degree programs at Samford University who want to include entrepreneurial knowledge and innovative thinking in their skill set as they pursue their careers. The minor is not available to School of Business majors.

Entrepreneurship Minor: 18 Credits

Group I: 6 Credits (*must be completed before starting Group II*)

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) * or ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Group II: 6 Credits (*can be completed in any order*) **

- ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3)
- ENTR 410 - Entrepreneurial Finance (3) or FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)

Group III: 6 Credits (*can be completed in any order*)

- ENTR 445 - Experiencing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (3)
 - Entrepreneurship Elective (400-level) (3)
- (One 400-level ENTR course not previously taken to meet a requirement of this minor)

Total Required Credits: 18

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

**Prerequisites not required for minors.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the entrepreneurship minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The entrepreneurship minor is not available for School of Business majors.

General Business Minor

General Business Minor: 18 Credits

Group I: 9 Credits (*must be completed before starting Group II*)

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) * or ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Group II: 9 Credits (*can be completed in any order*) **

- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Total Required Credits: 18

*Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the general business minor.

**Prerequisites listed in the catalog for each above class are not required for minors.

NOTE 1: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 2: The general business minor is not available for School of Business majors.

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

**Prerequisites not required for minors.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the general business minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The general business minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Marketing Minor

This program will equip students with the foundational marketing knowledge and skills needed to explore opportunities in advertising, sales, market research, retailing, product management, and public relations. The program focuses on marketing for products and services, occurring in for-profit as well as not-for-profit organizations. It is suitable for students enrolled in non-business degree programs at Samford University, who want to include marketing knowledge in their skill set as they pursue their careers in either non-business or business settings. The minor is not available to School of Business majors. To be admitted into the marketing minor, students must have a 2.50 GPA. Once in the minor, students must maintain a 2.00 GPA.

Marketing Minor: 18-21 Credits

Group I: 3-6 Credits (*must be completed before starting Group II*)

- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) * or ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Group II: 3 Credits (*must be completed before starting Group III*)

- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Group III: 12 Credits *(should be taken after Group II) (choose four courses)*

- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)
- MARK 402 - Retail Marketing (3)
- MARK 405 - Social Media Marketing (3)
- MARK 414 - Market Research (3)
- MARK 415 - Integrated Marketing Communications (3)
- MARK 416 - Consumer Behavior (3)
- MARK 417 - Topics in Marketing (3) **
- MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)
- MARK 419 - Services Marketing (3)
- MARK 420 - Sales Leadership (3)
- MARK 421 - Cross Cultural Marketing (3)
- MARK 422 - Customer Journey and Content Marketing (3)
- MARK 491 - Business Internship: Marketing (3)

Total Required Credits: 18-21

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

**Topics in Marketing can be taken more than once as long as the topics differ.

NOTE 1: Students must have a 2.50 cumulative GPA at Samford University to be admitted to the minor and must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the marketing minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The marketing minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management Minor

This program will equip students with the foundational business knowledge and skills needed to find employment in non-profit organizations or for-profit firms pursuing social missions. The minor is suitable for students enrolled in non-business degree programs at Samford University who want to include business knowledge in their skill set as they pursue their careers in either non-business or business settings. The minor is not available to School of Business majors.

Social Entrepreneurship & Non-Profit Management Minor: 21 Credits

Group I: 6 Credits *(must be completed before starting Group II)*

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) * or ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Group II: 9 Credits *(can be completed in any order)*

- ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3) or
 - MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- ENTR 384 - Financial Management of Non-Profit Entities (3)
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Group III: 6 Credits *(should be taken after Group II, but can be taken concurrently with Group II) ***

- ENTR 486 - Social Entrepreneurship/Not-for-Profit Management (3)
PLUS, one of the following:
- ENTR 384 - Financial Management of Non-Profit Entities (3) or
 - ENTR 410 - Entrepreneurial Finance (3) or
 - FINC 405 - Private Equity and Impact Investing (3)

Total Required Credits: 21

*Depending on the student's major, this course may also be used to satisfy the general education social science requirement.

**Prerequisites not required for minors.

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.00 GPA in the social entrepreneurship and non-profit management minor.

NOTE 2: Minors must complete six of the seven courses at Samford.

NOTE 3: The social entrepreneurship minor is not available for School of Business majors.

Concentrations - BSBA Degrees Only

Data Analytics Concentration (any Business major)

This program seeks to prepare students to enter the growing field of data analytics. Students interested in pursuing the concentration will be immersed in key analytics concepts such as data management and data mining. These classroom skills will be augmented by a real-world internship in data analytics.

Data Analytics Concentration: 12 Credits

Data Analytics Core: 9 Credits

- DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- DATA 499 - Data Analytics Internship (3)

Data Analytics Elective: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- DATA 421 - Data Visualization for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 425 - Sports Analytics (3)
- DATA 444 - Topics in Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)
- MARK 414 - Market Research (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation Concentration (any Business major)

Students majoring in accounting, economics (BSBA only), finance, management, or marketing can add the entrepreneurship and corporate innovation concentration to their program. Students will be prepared to start or find employment in new, family, or large innovative firms. The program will equip students with both specific skills and a broad general knowledge of factors impacting the success of these businesses.

Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation Concentration: 12 Credits

Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation Core: 9 Credits

- ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3)
- ENTR 409 - Management of Innovation (3)
- ENTR 445 - Experiencing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (3)

Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation Elective: 3 Credits

(choose one upper-level business course not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of the major)

- Business Electives

Total Required Credits: 12

Professional Sales Concentration (any Business major)

Students majoring in accounting, economics (BSBA only), entrepreneurship, finance, management, or marketing can add the professional sales concentration to their program, which will help prepare them for careers in many different business fields where sales skills are valued. All requirements must be met for both the major and the concentration, although some course overlap may occur.

Professional Sales Concentration: 12 Credits

Professional Sales Core: 9 Credits

- MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)
- MARK 422 - Customer Journey and Content Marketing (3)
- MARK 492 - Business Internship: Professional Sales (3)

Professional Sales Electives: 3 Credits** *(choose one course)*

- ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3)
- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)
- MARK 402 - Retail Marketing (3)
- MARK 405 - Social Media Marketing (3)
- MARK 414 - Market Research (3)
- MARK 415 - Integrated Marketing Communications (3)
- MARK 416 - Consumer Behavior (3)
- MARK 417 - Topics in Marketing (3) *

Total Required Credits: 12

* The internship and topics in marketing courses must be sales-focused and require the written approval of the sales concentration director or the entrepreneurship, management, and marketing department chair.

** Students majoring in marketing must select an elective other than MARK 414, MARK 416, or MARK 419, which are part of the marketing core.

Real Estate Concentration (any Business major)

This program equips students with the skills and knowledge required for careers in the field of real estate. The concentration is designed to provide preparation for students whose primary focus is in real estate sales or real estate finance.

Real Estate Concentration: 12 Credits

Real Estate Core: 6 Credits

- BUSA 410 - Real Estate Principles (3)
- BUSA 420 - Real Estate Law (3)

Real Estate Electives: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- BUSA 486 - Real Estate Internship (3)
- FINC 411 - Real Estate Finance and Investments (3)
- MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

NOTES: BUSA 486 is encouraged. Students interested in business development/sales opportunities should consider MARK 418. Students interested in real estate finance and/or real estate investments should consider FINC 411.

Risk Management and Insurance Concentration (any Bus major)

This program equips students with the skills required for employment in the areas of risk management and insurance, including those desiring preparation for work as corporate risk managers, as agents/brokers, and with insurance carriers, for both personal and commercial lines of insurance. Coursework will emphasize both domestic and international insurance markets. Students may include electives in either insurance, data analytics, or sales.

Risk Management & Insurance Concentration: 12 Credits

Risk Management & Insurance Core: 6 Credits

- FINC 425 - International Insurance Markets (3)
- FINC 430 - Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (3)

Risk Management & Insurance Elective: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)
- DATA 421 - Data Visualization for Business Analytics (3)
- DATA 444 - Topics in Data Analytics (3)
- FINC 440 - Financial Technologies/Insurance Technologies (3)
- FINC 499 - Risk Management and Insurance Internship (3)
- MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)
- MARK 422 - Customer Journey and Content Marketing (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

NOTES: FINC 440 and FINC 499 are encouraged. Students interested in business development/sales opportunities should consider MARK 418 and MARK 422. Students interested in insurance carrier, corporate risk management, data analytics, underwriting, and/or actuarial positions should consider DATA 402, DATA 403, and/or DATA 444.

Social Entrepreneurship Concentration (any Business major)

Students majoring in accounting, economics (BSBA only), entrepreneurship, finance, management, or marketing can add the social entrepreneurship concentration to their program, which will prepare them to start or find employment in either not-for-profit or for-profit firms pursuing social missions. All requirements must be met for both the major and the concentration, although some course overlap may occur.

Social Entrepreneurship Concentration: 12 Credits

Social Entrepreneurship Core: 9 Credits

- ENTR 384 - Financial Management of Non-Profit Entities (3)
- ENTR 486 - Social Entrepreneurship and Not-for-Profit Management (3)
- ENTR 487 - Applied Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management (1-3) *

Social Entrepreneurship Elective: 3 Credits

- ENTR 410 - Entrepreneurial Finance (3)
- FINC 405 - Private Equity and Impact Investing (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

* ENTR 487 is a variable credit course (1-3 crds) that is repeatable up to a maximum of 3 credits.

Sports Marketing Concentration (any Business major)

This program equips students with the skills necessary for career opportunities in the global sports marketplace. Students majoring in accounting, economics (BSBA only), entrepreneurship, finance, management, or marketing can add this concentration to their program, which prepares them for opportunities in team marketing, sponsor relations/activation, ticket sales, event marketing, sports retailing, and league operations. The concentration presents a rigorous curriculum in such areas as sponsorship, international sports marketing, advertising, social media, and analytics while paying close attention to industry trends. Students will be prepared for admission into top MBA/Sports Business programs in AACSB business schools or gain employment in the sports industry.

Sports Marketing Concentration: 12 Credits

Group I: 3 Credits *(must be completed before starting Group II)*

- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)

Group II: 6 Credits *(must be completed before starting Group III)*

- MARK 414 - Market Research (3) or BUSA 498 - Business Research Project I (3) *
- MARK 493 - Business Internship: Sports Marketing (3)

Group III: 3 Credits

- MARK 431 - Advanced Sports Business and Analytics (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

NOTE: All 12 credits must be taken at Samford.

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track in Sports Business (BSBA/MBA)

The Fast-Track in Sports Business (BSBA/MBA) program is built on a framework that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical experience, preparing students for leadership roles in the dynamic sports industry.

Admission Requirements for the Fast-Track Program

Admission to the fast-track in sports business program is a selective process designed to identify students who excel academically and are passionate about pursuing a career in sports business. High school seniors can apply during their final year, while current Samford students have the opportunity to apply during their sophomore year. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale is required for all applicants. In addition to academic credentials, applicants must submit a 500-word personal statement articulating their passion for sports business and career goals, a resume highlighting relevant experiences, and three letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to their work ethic and potential in the field. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview to assess their communication skills and commitment to the program. The admissions committee evaluates each application holistically, considering not just academic performance, but also relevant experience, demonstrated passion for sports business, and potential for success in both the program and the industry. The committee particularly values evidence of a strong work ethic, leadership potential, and a genuine desire to work on the business side of the sports industry.

Transfer Credit

Samford University requires 25% of overall credits earned in residence. However, graduate programs often have higher thresholds.

Progression Policy in the Fast-Track Program

Students must maintain a cumulative 3.00 GPA or higher throughout their tenure in the program. If a student's cumulative GPA falls below a 3.00 GPA, then the student will be placed on academic probation. The student must improve his/her GPA in the next semester. If the student fails to raise his/her GPA in the next semester, the student will be terminated from the program.

The minimum grade in a graduate class is a C-. If a student earns a D in a graduate class, the student must repeat the course in the next term offering.

Time-to-Degree Completion

It is estimated that completion of the entire fast-track program – undergraduate and graduate portions – can be done in eight semesters.

Fast-Track in Sports Business (BSBA/MBA)

The Fast-Track in Sports Business (BSBA/MBA) program is built on a framework that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical experience, preparing students for leadership roles in the dynamic sports industry.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 18-26 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 (3)
- Mathematics: MATH 130 (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) *or* SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Sports Business Major (Undergraduate): 65-77 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 16 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Sports Business Core: 43 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- DATA 425 - Sports Analytics (3) *
- ENTR 409 - Management of Innovation (3) *or* MNGT 407 - Project Management (3)
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)
- MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)
- MNGT 405 - Leadership (3)
- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3) *
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)
- MARK 414 - Market Research (3) * *or* BUSA 498 - Business Research Project I (3)
- MARK 431 - Advanced Sports Business and Analytics (3) *

Business Electives-Sports Business Majors: 6-15 Credits

(choose any 300/400-level business courses not previously taken to meet a stated requirement of this major)

- Business Electives

Total Required Undergraduate Credits: 113

MBA-Sports Business (Graduate): 46 Credits

Graduate Sports Business Core: 28 Credits

- SPRT 585 - Career & Professional Preparation in Sports Business (1)
- ACCT 519 - Accounting for Decision Making (3)
- BUSA 533 - MIS & Communication Technology (3)
- DATA 551 - Business Analytics (3)
- ECON 520 - Economics of Competitive Strategy
- FINC 521 - Managerial Finance (3)
- MNGT 535 - Human Resources & Organization Management (3)
- MNGT 561 - Strategic Management (3)
- MARK 541 - Marketing Strategy (3)
- SPRT 555 - Sports Sponsorship Alliances (3) *

Graduate Sports Business Electives: 9 Credits (choose three)

- SPRT 565 - Strategic Revenue Generation in Sports Business (3) *
- SPRT 575 - Fan Experience & Analytic-Based Engagement (3)
- SPRT 580 - The Business of College Sports (3)
- SPRT 586 - Sports Business Thesis (3)
- SPRT 589 - Topics in Sports Business (3)

Graduate Sports Business: Residency Requirement: 9 Credits

- SPRT 598 - Sports Residency (3) (*repeat 3 times*)

Total Required Credits: 159

*Sports business project classes.

**Our innovative three-semester sports residency combines two semesters with Birmingham-based sports teams and one semester with global partners, including European soccer clubs. This unique structure allows students to work full-time in diverse sports organizations while completing their MBA coursework, providing an unparalleled blend of local and international sports business experience.

NOTE: See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions of graduate business courses.

Brock Scholars Program

Brock Scholars is an imaginative, demanding, and competitive program designed for University Fellows and outstanding students who desire to major in business. Brock Scholars are selected annually through a rigorous application process in the fall of the sophomore year. The program allows students the flexibility to create their own unique curriculum, coupled with international travel, student research, hands-on experience through internships, and a high degree of faculty involvement.

Brock Scholars Major (BSBA)-Fellows

General Education - University Fellows Core Curriculum: 38 Credits

- UFWT 101 - Western Intellectual Tradition I: The Heritage of Greece and Rome (4)
- UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4)
- UFWT 201 - Western Intellectual Tradition III: Reformation, Revolution, and Enlightenment (4) *
- UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4)
- UFVI 101 - The Virtues (2)
- UFVI 102 - Moral Responsibility in a Diverse World (2)
- UFSI 201 - Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices (4)
- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar II (4)
- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) *

General Education - Distribution Areas (Fellows): 7-19 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Science: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher) *
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) ***
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities: UFWT 201 (4) *

Brock Scholars Major (University Fellows): 71-83 Credits

Sophomore Year: 22 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3) **
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3) **
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) **
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3) **
- BSBB 201 - Brock Scholars Internship (3) §

Junior Year: 17 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3) **
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3) **
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3) **
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3) **
- BSBB 301 - Summer Fellowship (1) (*after junior year*) §
- BSBB 302 - Oxbridge Tutorial (1) §§

Senior Year: 14 Credits

- BUSA 471 - Profess Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3) **
- BSBB 410 - Senior Research Project I (2)
- BSBB 420 - Senior Research Project II (2)
- BSBB 430 - Brock Scholars Seminar (3) §§§

Additional Major/Enrichment Courses: 18-30 Credits

Additional major/enrichment courses may come from inside or outside the business school.

Total Required Credits: 128

* Courses/credits noted with a single asterisk are applicable to more than one requirement within the program.

1) ECON 201 satisfies the general education social science requirement for all business majors but is also required/applicable to the Brock Scholars major.

2) MATH 130 satisfies the general education mathematics requirement for all business majors, but the Fellows curriculum requires MATH 240 as part of its core. Completion of MATH 240 can satisfy both requirements for Fellows students.

3) UFWT 201 can satisfy the general education humanities requirement for Fellows students.

** Any of these core business courses may be replaced/substituted with related coursework applicable to the student's chosen course of study upon approval from the appropriate department chair and the student's faculty committee.

*** Students must achieve language proficiency through the 102 level.

§ Brock Scholars receive stipends to support their Internship and Summer Fellowship.

§§ May be offered in conjunction w/a business course or independently (+1 crd).

§§§ Offered once every two years in the fall, for all junior- and senior-level Scholars.

NOTE: Brock Scholars design their own degree program in conjunction with their faculty committee (three faculty, no more than one from outside the Brock School of Business), who will approve the entire program of study.

Brock Scholars Major (BSBA)-Non-Fellows

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas (Non-Fellows): 11-23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Science: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) ***
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Brock Scholars Major (Non-Fellows): 83-95 Credits

Sophomore Year: 22 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3) **
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3) **
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) **
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3) **
- BSBB 201 - Brock Scholars Internship (3) §

Junior Year: 17 Credits

- BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)
- DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3) **
- FINC 321 - Financial Management (3) **
- MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3) **
- MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3) **
- BSBB 301 - Summer Fellowship (1) (after junior year) §
- BSBB 302 - Oxbridge Tutorial (1) §§

Senior Year: 14 Credits

- BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)
- DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)
- MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3) **
- BSBB 410 - Senior Research Project I (2)
- BSBB 420 - Senior Research Project II (2)
- BSBB 430 - Brock Scholars Seminar (3) §§§

Additional Major/Enrichment Courses: 30-42 Credits

Additional major/enrichment courses may come from inside or outside the business school.

Total Required Credits: 128

* Courses/credits noted with a single asterisk are applicable to more than one requirement within the program.

1) ECON 201 satisfies the general education social science requirement for all business majors but is also required/applicable to the Brock Scholars major.

2) MATH 130 satisfies the general education mathematics requirement for all business majors.

** Any of these core business courses may be replaced/substituted with related coursework applicable to the student's chosen course of study upon approval from the appropriate department chair and the student's faculty committee.

*** Students must achieve language proficiency through the 102 level.

§ Brock Scholars receive stipends to support their Internship and Summer Fellowship.

§§ May be offered in conjunction w/a business course or independently (+1 crd).

§§§ Offered once every two years in the fall, for all junior- and senior-level Scholars.

NOTE: Brock Scholars design their own degree program in conjunction with their faculty committee (three faculty, no more than one from outside the Brock School of Business), who will approve the entire program of study.

Non-Degree/Pre-Professional Major

Pre-Business Major (NBF)-Fellows

General Education - University Fellows Core Curriculum: 38 Credits

- UFWT 101 - Western Intellectual Tradition I: The Heritage of Greece and Rome (4)
- UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4)
- UFWT 201 - Western Intellectual Tradition III: Reformation, Revolution, and Enlightenment (4) *
- UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4)
- UFVI 101 - The Virtues (2)
- UFVI 102 - Moral Responsibility in a Diverse World (2)
- UFSI 201 - Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices (4)
- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- MATH 240 - Calculus I (4) *

General Education - Distribution Areas (Fellows): 11-19 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Science: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher) *
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) **
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities: UFWT 201 (4) *

Pre-Business Major (Fellows): 19 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 19 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

General Electives: 52-60 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* Courses/credits noted with a single asterisk are applicable to more than one requirement within the program.

- ECON 201 satisfies the general education social science requirement for all business majors but is a requirement in the pre-business major.
- MATH 130 satisfies the general education mathematics requirement for all business majors, but the Fellows curriculum requires MATH 240 as part of its core. Completion of MATH 240 can satisfy both requirements for Fellows students.
- UFWT 201 can satisfy the general education humanities requirement for Fellows students.
- COSC 107 satisfies the general education natural/computational science requirement.

** Students must achieve language proficiency through the 102 level.

Pre-Business Major (NBA)-Non-Fellows

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas (Non-Fellows): 15-23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)
- Social Science: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- Mathematics: MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4) (or higher)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher) **
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Pre-Business Major (Non-Fellows): 19 Credits

Pre-Business Curriculum: 19 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)
- DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)
- DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3) *
- ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

General Electives: 64-72 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

* Courses/credits noted with a single asterisk are applicable to more than one requirement within the program.

- ECON 201 satisfies the general education social science requirement for all business majors but is a requirement in the pre-business major.
- COSC 107 satisfies the general education natural/computational science requirement.

** Students must achieve language proficiency through the 102 level.

Orlean Beeson School of Education

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Mission

The Orlean Beeson School of Education enriches the community and empowers its students to educate, lead, and serve.

Core Values

The faculty, staff, and students of Orlean Beeson School of Education commit ourselves to four core values (Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, and Humility) as we pursue our purpose and calling.

Accreditation

The School of Education is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP, www.caepnet.org), 1140 19th St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 223-0077. This accreditation decision indicates that our institution and its programs meet the rigorous national standards set forth by the professional education community.

Human Development and Family Science

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Mission Statement

Enriching the lives of families through education, service and advocacy.

Accreditation

Since 1999 the human development and family science curriculum has met the requirements for the Provisional Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation awarded by the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR; www.ncfr.org).

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Human Development and Family Science Major (BA) *

Human Development and Family Science Major (BA) with an optional concentration in

Child Development Education, Child Life, or Gerontology

Minor

Human Development and Family Science Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs

Fast-Track Juris Doctor (aka 3+3 Law Program) (BA/JD)

Fast-Track Master of Business (BA/MBA) (aka Fifth-Year MBA)

Fast-Track Master of Divinity (BA/MDiv)

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (BA/MPH)

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BA/MSW) *

*Online version of this program offered through Continuing Studies/Samford Online only.

The Department of Human Development and Family Science offers a bachelor of arts (BA) degree in human development and family science, with three concentration options: child development education, child life specialist, and gerontology. The department also offers a minor in human development and family science.

The department also offers the following accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway programs: the fast-track juris doctor (JD) (aka 3+3 law program), in cooperation with Cumberland School of Law; the fast-track master of business administration (MBA) (aka fifth-year MBA), in cooperation with the Brock School of Business; the fast-track master of divinity (MDiv), in cooperation with Beeson School of Divinity; the fast-track master of public health (MPH), in cooperation with the Department of Public Health; and the fast-track master of social work (MSW), in cooperation with the Department of Social Work. See below for more information.

NOTE: During their first semester as a department major or minor, students must obtain and submit an ABI and FBI fingerprint and background check.

Human Development and Family Science

Human development and family science (HDFS) is an interdisciplinary field that applies knowledge and research about individuals and families in a changing world. This discipline explores an individual's physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual development from birth through adulthood and examines how these developmental processes influence and are influenced by family systems. A core emphasis is placed on understanding families as dynamic, interdependent systems that adapt and respond to internal and external influences over time.

Students gain the knowledge and service-learning experience needed to plan, implement, and evaluate educational programs and services designed to strengthen family functioning within broader societal contexts. Courses integrate research and theory to provide a foundation in the ten content areas required for certification as a family life educator (CFLE) through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). The content areas include families and individuals in societal contexts, internal dynamics of families, human growth and development across the lifespan, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education and guidance, family law and public policy, professional ethics and practice, and family life education methodology.

Child Development Education Concentration

This concentration focuses on the development and education of young children from infancy through preschool. Students in this concentration receive education and experience which prepares them for work in early childhood settings as a preschool teacher and/or administrator. Special emphasis is given to the importance of family involvement during this most crucial time of development.

Child Life Concentration

This concentration may interest students who desire to work in a medical setting to provide emotional support and coping strategies for children and their families facing short and long-term hospitalization and other health care related issues. Upon completion of this concentration, students must submit their coursework for review to the Child Life Council, as well as pass a certification exam to become a Certified Child Life Specialist. Extensive clinical hours, including a 600-hour internship experience, is also required by the Child Life Council. Completion of the coursework does not guarantee certification. For more information regarding certification, please visit www.childlife.org.

Gerontology Concentration

Due to rapidly expanding demand, this concentration prepares students to provide services and research for those in the later stages of the lifespan. Special emphasis is placed upon how aging affects the individual as well as the family system. Caregiving is an important service that families provide for their loved ones as well to the larger society. Professionals with a gerontology background can help individuals and their families through the successful transition required during this stage of life.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs**

Fast-Track Master of Business Administration (aka Fifth-Year MBA)

This option allows students majoring in HDFS to complete a master of business administration (MBA) in just one additional year at Samford. By adding a minor in general business while earning their BA in HDFS, students will meet all prerequisites for the MBA. Students will complete their bachelor's degree prior to starting the MBA program.

Fast-Track Master of Divinity

The accelerated bachelor of arts (BA) to master of divinity (MDiv) program of study allows select students to complete requirements for both degrees in a minimum of six years of study rather than the typical minimum of seven years of study. Acceptance to the program is limited to students who demonstrate the maturity and discipline to advance their course of study and their preparation for vocational ministry leadership.

Students interested in the accelerated BA to MDiv program should seek guidance from their advisor as early as possible in their undergraduate studies. The undergraduate program of study must include specific courses. Students may apply for admission upon completion of 48 credit hours of undergraduate studies. Applicants are evaluated on their academic performance, spiritual maturity, and vocational clarity. Admission to the accelerated program is limited.

Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours of undergraduate coursework before beginning their graduate theological studies. Upon completion of the initial 32 credit hours of graduate-level coursework, a student is awarded the bachelor of arts degree. The master of divinity degree is awarded upon completion of the 55 credit hours of additional graduate theological courses.

Students admitted to the accelerated BA to MDiv program must participate in a co-curricular program of spiritual and vocational mentoring.

Fast-Track Master of Public Health

Combining the BA in HDFS with a master in public health (MPH) offers a robust foundation for careers in public health, healthcare administration, community outreach, and policy advocacy. The MPH program is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to improve health outcomes and promote well-being across diverse populations. The interprofessional approach of the MPH

emphasizes health equity and community engagement, preparing graduates to address complex public health challenges and promote policies that reflect God's love for all people. As the demand for public health professionals continues to grow, this program offers an exceptional opportunity for students seeking to make a meaningful impact both locally and globally.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work

This accelerated pathway—the BA in HDFS plus the master of social work (MSW) equips graduates with the knowledge and skills needed for advanced clinical social work practice, preparing them to engage directly with individuals, families, and small groups. Students will gain expertise in assessment, diagnosis, and intervention strategies, enabling them to support diverse populations facing various challenges. In addition to core clinical training, interprofessional elective courses offer valuable exposure to specialized areas of social work such as community practice, social engagement, addiction services, and disaster response.

Fast-Track Juris Doctor (aka 3+3 Law and Family Science Program)

For students interested in family law, policy, or advocacy, the fast-track juris doctor (JD) program (aka 3 + 3 law program) combined with a BA in HDFS is ideal for students interested in adoption, divorce, foster care, intimate partner violence and other areas impacting the well-being of children and families.

Samford University and the Cumberland School of Law have created an accelerated law degree program which permits a Samford student who has completed three-fourths of the work acceptable for a bachelor's degree to be admitted to the law school. After successful completion of the first year of classes at Cumberland, the student will be awarded a bachelor's degree in his/her undergraduate major. This program is available to Samford students from several undergraduate majors. However, the HDFS degree works particularly well for those interested in family law and policy issues. This program requires acceptance into Cumberland Law School following the normal application process, and careful advisement and documentation in order to ensure the completion of the bachelor's degree. Please consult your academic advisor for additional details regarding this program.

**At this time, not all of these fast-track tables are represented in the catalog. See the department for program requirements.

Career Options

Many HDFS majors are attracted to job opportunities available through non-profit and not-for-profit organizations. The program is designed to prepare students for professional careers in the helping professions, in human service agencies, the non-profit and not-for-profit sectors, or for graduate school and research. Career options include counseling, marriage and family therapy, family life education, parenting education, helping professions, elder care services, family and social services, child development, youth ministry, family policy, community advocacy, and education.

Human development and family science is a solid foundation for a career in many professions. For some helping professions, a master's degree or higher may be required to practice and be employed at a competitive level.

Human Development and Family Science Major (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (one course) (4)
- Social Sciences (8 total): PSYC 101 (4) and SOCI 100 (4)
- Mathematics (4): Any MATH course from the Gen Ed List, but MATH 210 (4) (Elementary Statistics) is suggested
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Human Development and Family Science Major: 66 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 46 Credits

- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)
- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)
- HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)
- HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)
- HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)
- HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)
- HDFE 360 - Infant and Child Development (4)
- HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)
- HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)

Human Development and Family Science Core: 8 Credits

- HDFE 345 - Families and Health (4)
- HDFE 370 - Practicum in Family Life Education (4) or
 - HDFE 390 - Child Life Practicum (4)

Human Development and Family Science Electives: 12 Credits (choose 12 credits)

- HDFE 290 - Introduction to Child Life (2) *
- HDFE 310 - Counseling Foundations (4)
- HDFE 330 - Death and Dying (4)
- HDFE 350 - Introduction to Non-Profit Organizations and Grant Writing (4)
- HDFE 356 - Trauma Informed Care (4)
- HDFE 366 - Gerontology and the Family (4)
- HDFE 375 - Independent/Special Study (1-5)
- HDFE 391 - Therapeutics of Play (2) *
- HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)
- POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)
- PSYC 215 - Psychopathology (4)
- SOCI 333 - Sociology of Religion (4)
- SOCI 349 - Sociology of Children and Youth (4)

General Electives: 9 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

*Offered Summer only.

Human Development and Family Science Major w/a Concentration in Child Development Education (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: BIOL 110 (4)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)

Human Development and Family Science Major w/Child Development Education Conc: 71 Credits

Human Development and Family Science Core: 66 Credits

- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)
- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)
- HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)
- HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)
- HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)
- HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)
- HDFE 360 - Infant and Child (4)
- HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)
- HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)
- HDFE 390 - Child Life Practicum (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)
- HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)
- HDFE 491 - Child Development Education Internship (12)

Education: 5 Credits

- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3)
- EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2)

General Electives: 12 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

Human Development and Family Science Major w/a Concentration in Child Life (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (one course) (4)
- Social Sciences (8 total): PSYC 101 (4) and SOCI 100 (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Human Development and Family Science Major w/Child Life Concentration: 78 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 46 Credits

- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)
- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)
- HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)
- HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)
- HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)
- HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)
- HDFE 360 - Infant and Child Development (4)
- HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)
- HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)

Child Life Core: 32 Credits

- HDFE 290 - Introduction to Child Life (2) *
- HDFE 330 - Death and Dying (4)
- HDFE 345 - Families and Health (4)
- HDFE 390 - Child Life Practicum (4)
- HDFE 391 - Therapeutics of Play (2)
- HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)
- HDFE 490 - Child Life Internship (12) **

General Electives: 0-5 Credits

- KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2) (suggested)
- PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4) (suggested)

Total Required Credits: 120

* Offered Summer only.

** May require an additional semester to complete. No other courses may be taken during the same semester without permission.

Human Development and Family Science Major w/a Concentration in Gerontology (BA)

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (one course) (4)
- Social Sciences (8 total): PSYC 101 (4) and SOCI 100 (4)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Human Development and Family Science Major w/Gerontology Concentration: 65-66 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 46 Credits

- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)
- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)
- HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)
- HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)
- HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)
- HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)
- HDFE 360 - Infant and Child Development (4)
- HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)
- HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)

Gerontology Core: 16 Credits

- HDFE 330 - Death and Dying (4)
- HDFE 345 - Families and Health (4)
- HDFE 366 - Gerontology and the Family (4)
- HDFE 370 - Practicum in Family Life Education (4)

Gerontology Electives: 3-4 Credits *(choose one course)*

- BIOL 300 - Neurobiology of Mental Health and Disorders (4)
- BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)
- HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)
- SOCI 331 - Sociology of Aging (4)

General Electives: 9-10 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

Human Development and Family Science Minor

Human Development and Family Science Minor: 20 Credits

Human Development and Family Science Core: 4 Credits

- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)

Human Development and Family Science Electives: 16 Credits

(choose three to four upper-level courses)

- HDFE 300-499 (16) *(excluding HDFE 370)*

Total Required Credits: 20

Fast-Track in Master of Social Work w/a BA in Human Development & Family Science (BA/MSW)

The Fast-Track in Sports Business (BSBA/MBA) program is built on a framework that integrates theoretical knowledge with practical experience, preparing students for leadership roles in the dynamic sports industry.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (one course) (4)
- Social Sciences (8 total): PSYC 101 (4) and SOCI 100 (4)
- Mathematics (4): Any MATH course from the Gen Ed List, but MATH 210 (4) (Elementary Statistics) is suggested
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Human Development and Family Science Major: 66 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 46 Credits

- COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)
- HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)
- HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)
- HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)
- HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)
- HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)
- HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)
- HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)
- HDFE 360 - Infant and Child Development (4)
- HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)
- HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)
- HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)
- HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)

Human Development and Family Science Core: 8 Credits

- HDFE 345 - Families and Health (4)
- HDFE 370 - Practicum in Family Life Education (4) *or*
 - HDFE 390 - Child Life Practicum (4)

MSW Graduate Courses: 30 Credits

Graduate-level courses will be determined by the student's advisor and program director. These 30 credits count toward graduation requirements for the BA degree. An additional 30 credits of SOWK courses are needed to earn the MSW (See below for a list of SOWK courses.)

General Electives: 9 Credits

Total Required Credits (BA Degree): 120

Graduate Courses (Master of Social Work): 60 Credits

Please note that up to 30 of the following 60 credits will be applicable towards completion of the BA degree.

Year 4, Fall: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 501 - Foundations of Social Work (3)
- SOWK 502 - Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Families (3)
- SOWK 503 - Human Rights, Social Justice, and Social Work Ethics (3)
- SOWK 504 - Social Welfare Policy (3)
- SOWK 505 - Field Placement I (3) *

Year 4, Spring: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 506 - Social Work Research (3)
- SOWK 507 - Social Work Practice II: Families and Groups (3)
- SOWK 509 - Diversity and Multicultural Social Work Practice (3)
- SOWK 510 - Field Placement II (3) *
- Social Work Elective I (3)

Year 4, Summer: Social Work Field Placement: 6 Credits

- SOWK 615 - Faith Perspectives on Social Work Practice
- Social Work Elective II (3)

Year 5, Fall: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 601 - Advanced Research Seminar (3)
- SOWK 602 - Models and Theories-Clinical Social Work Practice (3) *or*
 - SOWK 603 - Models and Theories of Global Community Development (3)
- SOWK 604 - Psychopathology (3)
- SOWK 608 - Field Placement III (3) *

Year 5, Spring: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 611 - Clinical Specialization Seminar (3)
- SOWK 613 - Field Placement IV (3) *
- SOWK 665 - Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3)
- Social Work Elective III (3)

**All Field Placement courses include a Field Seminar, which meets 1 hour/week.*

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for SOWK courses.

Teacher Education

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Early Childhood/Special Education/Elementary/Collaborative Major (BSE)
Elementary Education Major w/a Conc in Christian Education and Missions (BSE)
Secondary Education Major (BSE)

The Department of Teacher Education offers three distinct undergraduate majors—early childhood/early childhood special education/elementary/elementary collaborative (ESEC); elementary education (ELMN) with a concentration in Christian education and missions; and secondary education (SEED)—all leading to a bachelor of science in education.

Teacher certification is available in the collaborative degree program for grades P-3 (early childhood education and early childhood special education) and grades K-6 (elementary education and elementary collaborative education), in the elementary education program for grades K-6, and in secondary education for grades 6-12 (English, French, German, social science, mathematics, Spanish). In addition, the department offers P-12 teacher certification in world languages and music for students pursuing bachelor's degrees in those respective departments.

Each program offered by the teacher education department complies with teacher certification requirements prescribed by the Alabama State Department of Education.

While all students declaring education as their major are advised in the department, it is also imperative that *any* student planning to earn certification in education come to the Orlean Beeson School of Education at the beginning of the freshman year for advisement.

Special Requirements

A summary of special requirements for teacher education undergraduate students in general may be noted:

1. ESEC majors are not required to earn additional majors or minors; however, a concentration in Christian education and missions may be earned by selecting three additional courses.
2. Students earning P-12 certification in world languages are not required to earn additional majors or minors.
3. Students wishing to take courses from other colleges must obtain permission beforehand to ensure program compatibility.
4. Students choosing to take a course offered in summer terms or during the May Term will incur additional tuition expenses.
5. Students must complete their program within four years of being admitted to teacher education or reapply for admission.

Admission

Admission to teacher education undergraduate programs and permission to enroll in selected Teaching Field and Professional Studies level courses requires:

1. A minimum grade of C- in all required courses.
2. Successful completion of EDUC 200, EDUC 202, EDUC 206, EDUC 300, EDUC 306, EDUC 323 (ESEC and ELMN majors).
OR
Successful completion of EDUC 200, EDUC 202, EDUC 206, EDUC 213 (SEED majors).
3. A cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.
4. Completion of a projected schedule with the teacher education advisor.
5. Satisfactory completion of the Professional Expectations and Responsibilities Module.
6. Completion of an interview with a faculty member in the School of Education
7. Documentation verifying ABI and FBI criminal background checks (at the student's expense).
Note that any student taking a teacher education course that is a field experience must provide documentation verifying ABI and FBI criminal background checks at the expense of the student. The teacher education advisor will assist with background check information.
8. Passing scores on all three (3) sections of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators examination **OR** a 22 on the ACT or 1100 on the SAT, and a passing score on the Praxis Core Writing examination. All students must take and pass the Praxis Core Writing examination to be eligible for admission.
9. A satisfactory Dispositions Assessment.
10. Demonstration of satisfactory potential for teaching, including evidence of emotional stability and a satisfactory record as to conduct, character, and mental health, to the effect that the applicant does not have any personal qualities prejudicial to satisfactory performance as a teacher.
11. Completion of application for admission.

Acceptance is contingent upon the recommendation of the faculty admissions committee.

Applicants will be notified in writing of their acceptance status. Transfer students follow the same admission policies. Education courses (EDUC) may *not* be transferred into the teacher education program without permission from the department chair and the education advisor.

Retention

Once admitted to an undergraduate teacher education program, candidates must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75* (cumulative, major courses, and professional courses) and must maintain professional dispositions desirable for teachers.**

* Failure to maintain the required minimum cumulative GPA, major teaching field GPA, and professional field GPA will prevent a student from enrolling in specific education courses until that GPA requirement is met. Grades below C- in *any* course are not permitted; in cases where a lower grade is earned, the course must be repeated.

**Any teacher education candidate who, in the opinion of the School of Education faculty, develops dispositions or characteristics deemed undesirable for the profession may, after review, be removed from, counseled out of, or presented with the option to graduate without certification from the program, regardless of GPA.

Field Experiences

Field experiences in P-12 schools and other learning settings are essential components in the learning process of becoming a professional educator. It is the philosophy of the teacher education faculty that candidates be placed in these settings early and often in their programs of study. All teacher education majors are required to complete a variety of field experiences in a range of settings with diverse populations of students. Field placements will be within driving distance from the university campus. Some EDUC courses hold classes off campus at a partner school campus site.

Clinical Internship

Clinical internship experiences immerse candidates in a school or learning-setting culture and affords them the opportunity to teach while receiving support from an in-service professional and a university mentor. The capstone clinical internship experience includes approximately 15 weeks of student teaching.

Teacher Certification Subject Areas Offered (P-12 and Secondary Education)

Composite Subject Areas (Grades 6-12)	Major Subject Areas (Grades 6-12)	Major Subject Areas (Grades P-12)
English/Language Arts History/Social Science/Studies	World Languages: (French, German, Spanish) Mathematics	World Languages: (French, German, Spanish) Instrumental Music Vocal/Choral Music

Teacher Certification

In order to be recommended for licensure, candidates must pass all exit exams and licensure requirements as mandated by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE). If a student successfully completes all program requirements, he/she may graduate, but cannot be recommended for certification until all exams are passed and all requirements are met.

Graduation from Samford University does not guarantee teacher certification by the ALSDE or any other state certification agency. Program graduates who delay applying for Alabama certification are subject to changes made in the state certification requirements between the time of degree completion and the time of application. If an individual is not recommended for Alabama certification within five years (60 calendar months) of program completion, the individual will be required to reapply and complete current approved program requirements.

In addition, candidates completing all required coursework in any teacher preparation program but who delay clinical internship (All But Internship or, "ABI") for more than one year and who intend to apply for teacher certification must comply with current ALSDE certification requirements.

Secondary Education and P-12 Majors

Curriculum requirements for secondary education and P-12 education requirements may be obtained from the certification officer/advisor. All secondary education majors are required to meet with the education advisor upon admission to the university to ensure timely program completion.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Early Childhood/Special Ed/Elementary/Collaborative (ESEC) Major (BSE)

Students in the ESEC teacher education program will engage in coursework throughout the program to build a knowledge base in theoretical understanding of elementary education, early childhood education, and special education. During a student's time at Samford, practical teaching skills to promote student learning will be developed through extensive field experiences at schools and other learning settings. Professional dispositions encompassing values, commitments, and ethics will be established and expanded while in the ESEC teacher education program.

The following requirements apply for a combined major in early childhood education (Grades P-3); early childhood special education (Grades P-3); elementary education (Grades K-6); elementary collaborative education (Grades K-6).

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: Approved Natural/Computational Science course from the Gen Ed List (lec+lab) (4)
- Social Sciences: Approved Social Science course from the Gen Ed List (4)
- Mathematics: Approved Math course from the Gen Ed List (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)

ESEC Major: 86 Credits

*Up to five courses may be taken prior to admission to TEP. Each of these is noted with an asterisk.

Major Courses: 53 Credits

*Courses with an asterisk are the only teaching field courses that can be taken prior to unconditional admittance.

- MATH 214 - Math I: Geometry, Measurement and Data Analysis for Elementary Teachers (3)
- MATH 216 - Math II: Operations with Numbers and Fractions for Elementary Teachers (3)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3) *
- EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2) *
- EDUC 206 - Field Experience in Education I (1)
- EDUC 300 - Integrated Arts in the Elementary School Classroom (3) *
- EDUC 306 - Field Experience in Education II (1)
- EDUC 310 - Health and Physical Education for Elementary School Teachers (1) *
- EDUC 320 - Field Experience in Education III (2)
- EDUC 321 - Foundations and Applications of Effective Planning and Instruction (3)
- EDUC 322 - Teaching Language Arts in the Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom (2)
- EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2) *
- EDUC 325 - Teaching of Reading I (3)
- EDUC 326 - Math III: Operations with Numbers in Early Childhood (3)
- EDUC 327 - Elementary Content Methods: Science and Social Studies (3)
- EDUC 328 - Math IV: Operations and Algebraic Thinking for Elementary Teachers (3)
- EDUC 401 - Assessment of Reading (3)
- EDUC 420 - Field Experience in Education IV (2)
- EDUC 421 - Advanced Teaching, Learning, and Planning (3)
- EDUC 425 - Teaching of Reading II (3)

Professional Courses: 33 Credits

- EDUC 301 - Diverse Learners in Today's Classroom (1)
- EDUC 302 - Research in Special Education (3)
- EDUC 303 - Assessment Procedures and Processes for Students with Disabilities in the P-6 Classroom (3)
- EDUC 402 - Methods and Strategies for Teaching Students with Disabilities in the P-6 Classroom (3)
- EDUC 403 - Clinical Internship in P-6 Special Education (4)
- EDUC 412 - Assessment for the Elementary Classroom (2)
- EDUC 413 - Classroom Management (2)
- EDUC 415 - Technology across the Curriculum (3)
- EDUC 474 - Clinical Internship: Elementary (4)
- EDUC 476 - Clinical Internship: Early Childhood Education (4)
- EDUC 477 - Seminar in Clinical Internship (4)

Total Required Credits: 123

GPA NOTE: A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

GEN ED NOTE: The Gen Ed portion of this program is under review and subject to change.

Elementary Educ Major w/a Conc in Christian Education & Missions (BSE)

This program is designed to give students a broad, multidisciplinary approach to Christian education within the context of a local church or mission field. The program provides students with both the academic rigor and the practical experience necessary to successfully minister to children and youth. In addition, students will develop an awareness of how to engage families as partners in the spiritual development of children. Students pursuing this degree will be certified to teach students in grades K-6 and will be prepared for any aspect of Christian education including missions outreach, and Children's and Youth Ministries.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 15 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences: Approved Natural/Computational Science course from the Gen Ed List (lec+lab) (4)
- Social Sciences: Approved Social Science course from the Gen Ed List (4)
- Mathematics: Approved Math course from the Gen Ed List (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)

Elementary Education Major with a Christian Education and Missions Concentration: 82 Credits

*Up to five courses may be taken prior to admission to TEP. Each of these is noted with an asterisk.

Major Courses: 53 Credits

*Courses with an asterisk are the only teaching field courses that can be taken prior to unconditional admittance.

- MATH 214 - Math I: Geometry, Measurement and Data Analysis for Elementary Teachers (3)
- MATH 216 - Math II: Operations with Numbers and Fractions for Elementary Teachers (3)
- HIST 217 - Early America (4)
- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3) *
- EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2) *
- EDUC 206 - Field Experience in Education I (1)
- EDUC 300 - Integrated Arts in the Elementary School Classroom (3) *
- EDUC 306 - Field Experience in Education II (1)
- EDUC 310 - Health and Physical Education for Elementary School Teachers (1) *
- EDUC 320 - Field Experience in Education III (2)
- EDUC 321 - Foundations and Applications of Effective Planning and Instruction (3)
- EDUC 322 - Teaching Language Arts in the Early Childhood and Elementary Classroom (2)
- EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2) *
- EDUC 325 - Teaching of Reading I (3)
- EDUC 326 - Math III: Operations with Numbers in Early Childhood (3)
- EDUC 327 - Elementary Content Methods: Science and Social Studies (3)
- EDUC 328 - Math IV: Operations and Algebraic Thinking for Elementary Teachers (3)
- EDUC 401 - Assessment of Reading (3)
- EDUC 420 - Field Experience in Education IV (2)
- EDUC 421 - Advanced Teaching, Learning, and Planning (3)
- EDUC 425 - Teaching of Reading II (3)

Professional Courses: 29 Credits

- EDUC 301 - Diverse Learners in Today's Classroom (1)
- EDUC 308 - Christian Education and Missions Internship (3)
- EDUC 309 - Issues and Trends in Christian Education (3)
- EDUC 408 - Curricular Applications in Educational Missions (3)
- EDUC 412 - Assessment for the Elementary Classroom (2)
- EDUC 413 - Classroom Management (2)
- EDUC 415 - Technology across the Curriculum (3)
- EDUC 473 - Internship for K-6 Elementary Education (12)

General Electives: 1 Credit

Total Required Credits: 120

GPA NOTE: A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

GEN ED NOTE: The Gen Ed portion of this program is under review and subject to change.

Secondary Education Major (BSE)

Students pursuing a degree in secondary education must also select a content area of study and take all of the courses required to meet the Alabama State Department of Education requirements in order to be recommended for teacher licensure. Approved content areas are English, French, German, Mathematics, Social Studies, or Spanish. Students also have the option of pursuing a second degree or second major in their chosen content area. All electives must be directed by the advisor.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23-27 Credits

General Education Requirements vary depending on the chosen content area, as noted below. If no course is specified, students are free to choose from the standard General Education options:

Natural and Computational Sciences (8)

- Content Area: Social Studies - Take GEOG 150 (4) PLUS one additional lab science from the Gen Ed List (4)
- All others: Choose two courses from the Gen Ed List (8)

Social Sciences (4-8)

- Content Area: English - Take JMC 200 (4)
- Content Area: Social Studies - Take ECON 201 (3) & POLS 200 (4)
- All others: Choose one course from the Gen Ed List (4)

Mathematics (4)

- Content Area: Mathematics - Take MATH 210 (4) or MATH 370 (4), if approved
- All others: Choose one course from the Gen Ed List (4)

Fine Arts (3): All Content Areas: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)

Humanities (4)

- Content Area: English - Take ENGL 205 (4)
- Content Area: Social Studies: Choose one course from the following:
BREL 200, 201, 221; CLAS 200; ENGL 205, 208; IDHU 201; INTL 360; PHIL 200, 230, 241
- All others: Choose one course from the Gen Ed List (4)

Secondary Education Major (BSE): 38 Credits

Professional Courses: 8 Credits

*These are the only courses that can be taken prior to unconditional admittance.

- EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3) *
 - EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2) *
 - EDUC 206 - Field Experience in Education I (1)
 - EDUC 213 - Adolescent Development within the Educational Culture (2 or 4) (*take for 2 credits*) *
 - EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2) *
- (Note: EDUC 323 is only required for World Languages (P-12), Instrumental Music (P-12), and Vocal/Choral Music (P-12) majors)

Education Core: 15 Credits (formal admission required first)

- EDUC 301 - Diverse Learners in Today's Classroom (1)
- EDUC 315 - Teaching Methods and Management in Secondary Classrooms (3)
- EDUC 317 - Field Experience In Education II-SEED (2)
- EDUC 331 - Curriculum Applications in Diverse Secondary Classrooms (3)
- EDUC 414 - Reading, Writing, and Assessment across the Curriculum Areas (2)
- EDUC 415 - Technology across the Curriculum (3)
- EDUC 417 - Field Experience in Education III-SEED (1)

Content Area Core: 3 Credits (choose one of the following pedagogy courses based on the chosen content area)

- EDUC 426 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary English/Language Arts Teacher (3)
- EDUC 427 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary Mathematics Teacher (3)
- EDUC 428 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary History/Social Science Teacher (3)
- EDUC 429 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary Foreign Language Teacher (3)

Student Teaching/Internships: 12 Credits

- EDUC 478 - Middle School Internship in Education (4)
- EDUC 475 - High School Internship in Education (4)
- EDUC 477 - Seminar in Clinical Internship (4)

Required State-Approved Content Classes: 44-53 Credits

(as determined by content area; credits hours subject to change)

- **Content Area:** Complete all required courses in one of the following content areas:
 - English, French, German, Mathematics, Social Studies, Spanish
- **Required content classes/electives, as directed by an Education Advisor to meet Alabama certification requirements.**

Total Required Credits: 127-135

CREDIT NOTE: Program credits subject to change.

GPA NOTE: A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required.

GEN ED NOTE: The Gen Ed portion of this program is under review and subject to change.

College of Health Sciences

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Healthcare is one of the most dynamic career paths in the world today. It is reinventing itself in the face of constant change. Opportunities exist that no one imagined 10 years ago. Although many things are changing, the one thing in healthcare that will never change is the need for knowledgeable, compassionate, skilled, and motivated people who are answering their call to care for others. Individuals fortunate enough to have such a calling go on to more than just a career; they create a life rich in opportunity and fulfillment. The College of Health Sciences was created to extend the reach of Samford's mission and to provide students the opportunity to answer the call of caring for others.

Four schools make up the College of Health Sciences: School of Health Professions, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, and School of Public Health. At the intersection of these schools is the Center for Faith and Health. The Center is where our academic programs and Christian faith intersect to care for people at home, in the community and around the globe. This purposeful interaction with the world around us is the practical application of all that we know, believe, and continue to learn.

Students who begin their careers at Samford are uniquely positioned to combine their faith, skills, and knowledge to positively impact the lives of patients and families. We believe in caring for the whole person and our graduates are exceptionally prepared and committed to caring for others physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

For those called to the healthcare profession, the opportunities you will find within the College are unprecedented in our history. This year, we have more than 30 health-related majors divided between undergraduate and graduate programs. The College prepares students for some of the fastest-growing, in-demand, and fulfilling careers in the world. To learn more about the College of Health Sciences, please visit www.samford.edu/healthsciences.

School of Health Professions

Academic Administration

Alan P. Jung, Dean; Professor, Kinesiology

The School of Health Professions was established in 2013 as a part of the College of Health Sciences. It provides undergraduate students the opportunity to pursue a variety of specialties and fields of study within healthcare, wellness, and sports. Graduates are prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary to successfully enter the workforce or to continue their education at professional and graduate schools, ultimately working to deliver exceptional care.

Within the School of Health Professions, the learning and service opportunities for students are rich. As a school, faculty and staff are committed to using their knowledge and experience toward preparing students who make the lives of people better, here at home and in communities around the world. As our graduates focus on excellence, professionalism, and using their gifts to serve others, the impact they have is immense.

The School of Health Professions includes the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Kinesiology, the Department of Physical Therapy, and the Department of Physician Assistant Studies. The school currently offers baccalaureate degrees in communication sciences and disorders, exercise science, health sciences, sport administration, and sports medicine. Graduate degrees are currently offered in physical therapy, physician assistant studies, and speech language pathology.

To stay up to date with the latest news within the School of Health Professions, visit us online at <https://www.samford.edu/healthprofessions/>.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Faculty

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Kelly F. Jackson, Assistant Professor

Laura S. Promer, Assistant Professor;
Director, Undergraduate Studies
Kameron Carden, Assistant Professor;
Director, Clinical Education
Elizabeth Aho, Instructor; Clinical Supervisor

Mission Statement

The mission of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDS) in the School of Health Professions is to prepare highly qualified speech-language pathologists through faith-based academic coursework and clinical placements designed to foster lifelong learning, attainment of personal career goals and high moral and ethical competency so that practitioners will be of service to others in their community and throughout the world.

Vision for the CSDS Department

- Learning through commitment
- Preparing professionals for service
- Distinctive education for the 21st century clinician
- Helping and serving others through educational experiences
- Creating leaders as speech-language pathologists

CSDS Code of Values and Philosophy

- Faith - we live our faith by our words and actions
- Excellence - we strive for excellence in our academic programming and in our students' learning outcomes
- Integrity - we embrace persons who hold themselves to a higher standard
- Learning - we provide a platform for becoming lifelong learners
- Teamwork - we believe that together we are stronger
- Service - we believe in serving others as our gifts and talents allow

"Don't be jealous or proud; be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. Care about them as much as you care about yourselves and think the same way that Jesus thought." Philippians 2: 3-5

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Communication Sciences and Disorders Major (BS)

Minor

Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP) with a BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSDS) offers a major in communication sciences and disorders leading to a bachelor of science degree. Students are required to earn at least 25% of the credit for a first undergraduate degree in each degree program from Samford. The department also offers a minor in communication sciences and disorders.

The department also offers a fast-track program for students pursuing a BS in communication sciences and disorders and a master of science in speech-language pathology (MSSLP). See below for more information and see the department chair for additional details.

Admission Requirements

Freshman applicants: Must be accepted for admission to Samford University. Must achieve a minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT or 1000 on the SAT. High school graduates must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above, have completed four units of English, two units of math, and two units of lab sciences with a grade of C (2.0) or better.

Transfer students with less than 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits in total at other institutions must also meet the requirements of entering freshmen.

Transfer students with 24 credits or more must meet one of the following admission requirements:

1. Cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above in all coursework and a 21 ACT or 1000 SAT within the last five years. **OR**
2. Have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 on all coursework attempted.

Progression Policy

In order to progress in the undergraduate program in communication sciences and disorders, the student must:

1. Have a completed Health Data Record (with all required immunizations) updated annually and on file in the CSDS department.
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above on all coursework.
3. Earn a grade of C or higher in biological sciences, physics, and/or chemistry, statistics, and social sciences.

Majors in the CSDS department make a commitment to the study of communication disorders and this signifies the student's calling, motivation, and drive to commit to the academic standards that are required for admission into a CAA-accredited institution for graduate work in either speech language pathology or audiology.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP)

The fast-track master of science in speech-language pathology (BS/MSSLP) provides an opportunity for qualified students to complete a BS and the MSSLP in five years instead of the six-year traditional path. Students who are accepted into the fast-track program complete undergraduate courses their first three years and begin graduate coursework in the summer following their junior year.

Admission Requirements

Students currently pursuing Samford's bachelor of science in communication sciences and disorders (BS-CSDS) are invited to apply for the fast-track master of science in speech-language pathology (MSSLP-SLP) program if they meet the following admission requirements:

Specific Admission Requirements:

- High school GPA of 3.80 or higher.
- ACT score of 29 or higher.

Application Process:

- Submit an application.
- Department interview.

Progression Policy

To remain in the fast-track master of science in speech-language pathology (MSSLP-SLP) program, students must:

1. Achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above on all coursework by the end of the spring semester of the third year but students can remain in CSDS if they do not have a 3.50 GPA by spring of the third year.
2. Earn a B or higher in all courses with a CSDS prefix.
3. Earn a C or higher in prerequisite courses: biological sciences, physics, and/or chemistry, statistics, and social sciences.
4. Complete all required convocation hours by the end of the spring semester of the third year.
5. Meet with an academic advisor once a semester.
6. Complete all CSDS major requirements on time in the first three years at Samford University.
7. Candidates must pay a nonrefundable fee of \$500 to secure admission into the MSSLP program by January of the junior year.

Students who do not meet these thresholds will be dismissed from the fast-track program.

Benefits of Completing the Fast-Track Program

- Students receive mentorship from peers and faculty throughout the program.
- Participation in faculty-led service and research is encouraged.
- Allows students to complete the fast-track program one year sooner than the traditional path of bachelor's plus master's degrees. However, students will still be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies for each degree upon completion of the respective requirements.

Communication Sciences and Disorders Major (BS)

The four-year curriculum in the CSDS program is built on a foundation of rigorous academics and code of values. Our faith-based academic coursework focuses on service, leadership, and critical thinking skills. Interprofessional education experiences with students and faculty from other healthcare disciplines are also a key component of the program. Students will have service opportunities to work alongside professionals in the community to learn by experience, working with children and adults who exhibit communication disorders.

The four-year program in communication sciences and disorders prepares the student for entry into graduate degree programs such as the master of science in speech-language pathology, or the doctor of audiology degree, which prepares the student for practice in the profession.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27-35 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8 total):
BIOL 110 (4) (or BIOL 103 & BIOL 104),
PLUS One course in Physics or One course in Chemistry from Gen Ed List (4)
- Social Sciences (8) (two courses)
- Mathematics (4) (see note*)
- Languages (0-8) (proficiency through 102 or higher)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Communication Sciences and Disorders Major: 56-60 Credits

Communication Sciences and Disorders Core: 44-45 Credits

- CSDS 110 - Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)
- CSDS 211 - Clinical Phonetics (4)
- CSDS 212 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (4)
- CSDS 213 - Development of Language in Children (4)
- NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3) *or*
 - MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4) *
- CSDS 312 - Principles of Audiology (3)
- CSDS 313 - Language Disorders in Children (4)
- CSDS 314 - Rehabilitation Audiology (3)
- CSDS 318 - Basic Speech and Hearing Science (2)
- CSDS 412 - Critical Thinking in Guided Observation (3)
- CSDS 414 - Clinical Methods in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)
- CSDS 415 - Communication Disorders in the Medical Setting (4)
- CSDS 416 - Supervision in Communication Sciences and Disorders (2)

Communication Sciences and Disorders/SLPA Electives **: 12-15 Credits

For students pursuing the BS or the Fast-Track program, the following courses are electives:

- CSDS 315 - Developing Leadership Potential in Health Professions (3)
- CSDS 399 - Special Topics for Communication Sciences and Disorders (1-4)
- CSDS 413 - Special Populations in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)
- CSDS 418 - Senior Seminar (4)

General Electives: 11-23 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*If MATH 210 is taken to satisfy statistics requirement in the major, a different MATH course must be taken to satisfy the general education mathematics requirement.

**Traditional students may take any CSDS prefix for CSDS electives. Fast-Track BS to MSSLP students may be required to take SLPA 500, 501, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 509, 511, 604, 609 as their electives.

Communication Sciences and Disorders Minor

The minor in communication sciences and disorders (CSDS) allows a student to be eligible to apply as a background student for the master of science in speech language pathology (MSSLP-SLPA) graduate program at Samford University **only**. The coursework for the minor may not apply to graduate speech language pathology programs at other universities. Students interested in minoring in CSDS **must add** the minor prior to their sophomore year. The CSDS minor coursework begins in the fall semester of the students' sophomore year for five consecutive semesters. Students are required to meet with the director of undergraduate studies before the Change of Academic Program form will be approved.

Communication Sciences & Disorders Minor: 22 Credits

Communication Sciences & Disorders Core: 22 Credits

- CSDS 211 - Clinical Phonetics (4)
- CSDS 212 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (4)
- CSDS 213 - Development of Language in Children (4)
- CSDS 312 - Principles of Audiology (3)
- CSDS 314 - Rehabilitation Audiology (3)
- CSDS 414 - Clinical Methods in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

Communication Sciences & Disorders Electives (Optional)

(recommended electives, if time permits)

- CSDS 313 - Language Disorders in Children (4)
- CSDS 318 - Basic Speech and Hearing Science (2)

Total Required Credits: 22

Fast-Track Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (BS/MSSLP)

The fast-track master of science in speech-language pathology (BS/MSSLP) provides an opportunity for qualified students to complete a BS and the MSSLP in five years instead of the six-year traditional path. Students who are accepted into the fast-track program complete undergraduate courses in their first three years and begin graduate coursework in the summer following their junior year.

Undergraduate Courses (BS in CSDS): 101 Credits

Year 1, Fall: 16 Credits

- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- Any Gen Ed Lang (1 of 2 consecutive semesters) (4)
- CSDS 110 - Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

Year 1, Spring: 16 Credits

- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- Any Gen Ed Lang (2 of 2 consecutive semesters) (4)
- BIOL 103 & BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3)(1)

Year 2, Fall: 14 Credits

- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- Any Gen Ed Math (4)
- CSDS 212 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (4)

Year 2, Spring: 22 Credits

- SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) or SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)
- Any Gen Ed Chem or Physics course (4)
- Any Gen Ed Humanities (4)
- NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3) or MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- CSDS 211 - Clinical Phonetics (4)
- CSDS 213 - Development of Language in Children (4)

Year 3, Fall: 18 Credits

- Any Gen Ed Social Science (1 of 2 courses) (4)
- CSDS 312 - Principles of Audiology (3)
- CSDS 313 - Language Disorders in Children (4)
- CSDS 412 - Critical Thinking in Guided Observation (3)
- CSDS 414 - Clinical Methods in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

Year 3, Spring: 15 Credits

- Any Gen Ed Social Science (2 of 2 courses) (4)
- CSDS 314 - Rehabilitation Audiology (3)
- CSDS 318 - Basic Speech and Hearing Science (2)
- CSDS 415 - Communication Disorders in the Medical Setting (4)
- CSDS 416 - Supervision in Communication Sciences and Disorders (2)

Graduate Courses (MSSLP-SLP): 58 Credits

Year 4, Fall: 16 Credits

- SLPA 501 - Intro to Clinical Practicum (1)
- SLPA 503 - Neuroscience for Speech Language Pathologists (3)
- SLPA 504 - Research Methods in Speech Language Pathology (2)
- SLPA 506 - Language Disorders: Birth through Age 5 (3)
- SLPA 509 - Articulation and Phonological Disorders (3)
- SLPA 511 - Advanced Diagnostics: Clinical Writing, Critical Thinking, and Assessment Decisions (3)

Year 4, Spring: 14 Credits

- SLPA 502 - Clinical Practicum I (2)
- SLPA 507 - Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
- SLPA 508 - School Age Language and Literacy Disorders (3)
- SLPA 512 - Counseling Strategies in Fluency and Communication Disorders (3)
- SLPA 608 - Dysphagia in Adults (3)

Year 4, Summer: 10 Credits

- SLPA 601 - Clinical Practicum II (1)
- SLPA 604 - Evaluation and Treatment of Aphasia in Adults (3)
- SLPA 609 - Cognitive-Communicative Disorders in Adults (3)
- PLUS Elective Course A (choose one from the following)
 - SLPA 614 - Augmentative and Alternative Communication (3) or
 - SLPA 619 - Instrumentation in Speech-Language Pathology (3) or
 - SLPA 699 - Mentored Research (1-4) (take for 3 credits)

Year 5, Fall: 9 Credits

- SLPA 602 - Clinical Practicum III (3)
- SLPA 606 - Motor Speech Disorders (3)
- SLPA 616 - Voice Disorders across the Lifespan (3)

Year 5, Spring: 9 Credits

- SLPA 603 - Clinical Practicum IV (3)
- SLPA 624 - Diagnostics II: Advanced Diagnostics Skills (3)
- PLUS Elective Course B (choose one from the following)
 - SLPA 618 - Pediatric Dysphagia (3) or
 - SLPA 620 - Faith and Ethics in the Practice of SLP (3) or
 - SLPA 622 - Seminar in Multicultural Perspectives in Speech-Language Pathology (3)

Total Required Credits: 159

Selected SLPA courses will apply to the CSDS undergraduate elective requirement. See your advisor for more information. See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions of graduate SLPA courses.

Kinesiology

Faculty

John K. Petrella, Chair, Professor
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Susan R. Wilbanks, Assistant Professor
Kathryn F. Stanford, Instructor; Director of Field Experience

Mission

In the Department of Kinesiology, we are called to nurture and prepare students to positively impact the health and well-being of members of society and to instill in all students, faculty, and staff, a commitment to lifetime fitness and positive health. An exemplary education provided in a Christian context, by individuals with a demonstrated commitment to excellence in scholarship, service and teaching provide the mechanism to fulfill this mission.

Vision

The vision of the Department of Kinesiology is to challenge students continually to improve the health and well-being of society by exhibiting the highest standards of quality in teaching, scholarship and service; and to assume the leadership role among academic programs in our field in meeting the challenges of preventive medicine and health care.

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Exercise Science Major (BS)
Health Sciences Major (BS)
Sport Administration Major (BS)
Sports Medicine Major (BS)

Minors

Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Minor
Sport and Recreation Ministry Minor*
Strength and Conditioning Minor

Major-Dependent Concentration

Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Concentration

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT) with a BS in Exercise Science

The Department of Kinesiology offers majors in exercise science (EXER), health sciences (HESC), sport administration (SADM), and sports medicine (SMED) leading to a bachelor of science degree. Additionally, the department offers a concentration in disability, health, and physical activity that can be added to any department major. The department also offers two minors: one in disability, health, and physical activity and one in strength and conditioning.

The department also offers a fast-track program for students pursuing a bachelor of science in exercise science and a doctor of physical therapy degree. See department chair for details.

*This program is under review and subject to change/closure/replacement. It is currently closed to new admits.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Exercise Science Major (BS)

The purpose of the exercise science major is to prepare students for an entry-level doctoral degree program in physical therapy. An interdisciplinary approach is applied to this major, including classes in psychology, biology, physics, chemistry, and exercise science. The courses contained within the major meet or exceed the prerequisites for most physical therapy schools. Students are encouraged to volunteer service in all aspects of physical therapy prior to and during their undergraduate studies. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 for admission to the program.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 32 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (13 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
 - PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4) & PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Mathematics (8 total):
 - MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
 - MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)

- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Exercise Science Major: 58 Credits

Kinesiology Core: 22 Credits

- KINE 141 - Introduction to Health Sciences (2)
- KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2)
- KINE 398 - Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (2)
- KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)
- KINE 476 - Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)
- KINE 487 - Recognition and Evaluation of Athletic Injuries (4)
- KINE 498 - Research in Kinesiology I (2)
- KINE 499 - Research in Kinesiology II (2)

Kinesiology Electives: 16 Credits *(directed by advisor)*

- KINE 100-499, SPAD 100-499 (16)

Biology: 16 Credits

- BIOL 101 & BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I & Lab (3,1) *or*
 - BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 103 & BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3,1) *or*
 - BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)
- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1) *or*
 - BIOL 301 - Mammalian Anatomy (4)
- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1) *or*
 - BIOL 302 - Mammalian Physiology (4)

Chemistry: 4 Credits

- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory (1)

General Electives: 16 Credits *(directed by advisor)*

Total Required Credits: 128

Health Sciences Major (BS)

The health sciences major is designed to prepare students for a variety of careers or graduate programs within the broad field of health. This major is ideal for students pursuing graduate programs in athletic training, physician assistant studies, or occupational therapy. Students in this major also pursue areas such as strength and conditioning and corporate wellness, among other health professions. The health sciences major provides many elective hours along with inter-professional education to allow students, under the guidance of an advisor, to tailor programs of study to meet professional goals. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 for admission to the program.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences *(one course)* (4)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Mathematics (8 total):
 - MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)

Plus choose one calculus course:

 - MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
 - MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
 - MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Health Sciences Major: 50 Credits

Kinesiology Core: 26 Credits

- KINE 141 - Introduction to Health Sciences (2)
- KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2)
- KINE 398 - Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (2)
- KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)
- KINE 476 - Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)
- KINE 479 - Exercise Testing and Prescription (4)
- KINE 490 - Exercise as Medicine (4)
- KINE 498 - Research in Kinesiology I (2)
- KINE 499 - Research in Kinesiology II (2)

Health Sciences Electives: 24 Credits *(directed by advisor)*

- Choose 24 credits from 100-499 CSDS, HCAD, HIIM, KINE, NURS, NUTR, PHAR, PHLT, SPAD (24)

General Electives: 33 Credits *(directed by advisor)*

Total Required Credits: 128

Sport Administration Major (BS)

The sport administration major is designed to prepare students for sport industry leadership positions in intercollegiate athletic administration, professional sports, facility and event operations, marketing and public relations, law, interscholastic athletic administration, sport business, and related fields. Every course is grounded in leadership skills such as punctuality, problem-solving, professional speaking and intentionality. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 for admission to the program and must maintain a minimum 2.30 GPA to remain in the program. If, at any time a student falls below a 2.3 GPA overall, a one-semester probation will be implemented. After this probation, if a student's overall GPA remains below 2.30, he/she will be dismissed from the program for one academic year. Students in the major must also complete a minor in order to graduate.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 23 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4) (*one course*)
- Social Sciences (8) (*two courses*)
Choose two courses from the list of Gen Ed Social Science Reqs, but ECON 201 (Principles of Macroeconomics) (3) is recommended.
- Mathematics (4) (*one course*)
Choose one course from the list of Gen Ed Math Reqs, but MATH 210 (Elementary Statistics) (4) is recommended.
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Sport Administration Major: 49 Credits

Kinesiology Core: 30 Credits

- SPAD 142 - Introduction to Sport Administration (2)
- SPAD 280 - Sport Facility and Event Operations (3)
- SPAD 285 - History of Sport (3)
- SPAD 320 - Sport and Communication (3)
- SPAD 365 - Contemporary Issues in Sport (3)
- SPAD 391 - Christian Leadership and Ethics in Sport (3)
- SPAD 396 - Internship in Sport Administration I (4)
- SPAD 455 - Legal and Contractual Aspects of Sport (3)
- SPAD 498 - Research in Sport Administration I (3)
- SPAD 499 - Research in Sport Administration II (3)

Sport Administration Electives: 12 Credits (*directed by advisor*)

- SPAD 100-499 (12)

Communication Studies & Marketing: 7 Credits

- COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4)
- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)

Required Minor: 20 Credits (*credits will vary, depending on the minor*)

General Electives: 14 Credits (*directed by advisor*) (*credits will vary depending on the minor chosen*)

Total Required Credits: 128

NOTE 1: Students must maintain a 2.30 GPA to remain in the major.

NOTE 2: Students are required to declare a minor. Not all minors are 20 credits. General Elective credits will vary depending on the minor chosen.

Sports Medicine Major (BS)

In addition to meeting the prerequisite requirements for medical school the sports medicine major provides a prevention-oriented curriculum with course options in nutrition, exercise physiology, and exercise prescription. Students will be assigned a school academic advisor in addition to the health professions advisor who will guide their progress toward medical school or other medically based professional school (e.g., dental school). An interdisciplinary approach including nutrition, biology, mathematics, chemistry, and exercise science is included in the major. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.50 for admission to the program.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 32 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (13 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
 - PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4) & PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Mathematics (8 total):
 - MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
 - Plus choose one calculus course:**
 - MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
 - MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
 - MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Sports Medicine Major: 53 Credits

Kinesiology Core: 18 Credits

- KINE 141 - Introduction to Health Sciences (2)
- KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2)
- KINE 398 - Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (2)
- KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)

- KINE 476 - Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)
- KINE 498 - Research in Kinesiology I (2)
- KINE 499 - Research in Kinesiology II (2)

Kinesiology Electives: 12 Credits (*directed by advisor*)

- KINE 100-499, SPAD 100-499 (12)

Biology: 8 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)

Chemistry: 15 Credits

- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chem II Lab (1)
- CHEM 310 - Organic Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 312 - Organic Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)

General Electives: 24 Credits (*directed by advisor*)

Total Required Credits: 131

Disability, Health, & Physical Activity Concentration (any KINE Dept major)

The disability, health, and physical activity concentration is a specialized track designed for students interested in understanding the intersection of disability, health, and physical activity. This program provides students with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience needed to promote health, physical well-being, and inclusive fitness opportunities for individuals with disabilities across various settings. Students will gain a deep understanding of the physical, psychological, and social aspects of disability, and how these influence health outcomes and participation in society.

Admissions Requirement: Students must have a 2.50 minimum overall GPA and be admitted to a Kinesiology Department major.

Progression Policy: Students must earn a C- in all courses within the concentration to progress to the next class.

Disability Health, and Physical Activity Concentration: 9 Credits

Kinesiology Core: 9 Credits

- KINE 165 - Foundations of Disability, Health, and Physical Activity (3)
PLUS choose two courses from the following:
- KINE 260 - Disability and Participation (3)
- KINE 322 - Lifespan Motor Development (3)
- KINE 366 - Disabilities Across the Lifespan (3)
- KINE 465 - Inclusive Physical Activity (3)

Total Required Credits: 9

NOTE: KINE 165 is a prereq to all courses listed as options in the concentration.

Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Minor

The disability, health, and physical activity minor provides an interdisciplinary framework for understanding the experiences of people with disabilities across the lifespan. It will provide students with the knowledge, skills, and experience regarding disability in society today. Students will gain knowledge of laws, education, activities of daily living, and fitness for individuals with disabilities. The curriculum fosters critical thinking about advocacy, inclusion, and accessibility while encouraging students to practice empathy, humility, and service in their work with individuals with disabilities. Upon completion, students will be well-prepared for further professional development, including certificate options from national organizations such as the American College of Sports Medicine's Inclusive Fitness Trainer certificate. Prereq: A minimum overall GPA of 2.50.

Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Minor: 18 Credits

Disability, Health, & Physical Activity Core: 18 Credits

- KINE 165 - Foundations of Disability, Health, and Physical Activity (3)
- KINE 260 - Disability and Participation (3)
- KINE 322 - Lifespan Motor Development (3)
- KINE 366 - Disabilities Across the Lifespan (3)
- KINE 465 - Inclusive Physical Activity (3)
- KINE 488 - Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Capstone (3)

Total Required Credits: 18

NOTE: A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in ALL courses required for this minor, especially as needed to progress to the next course in the sequence.

Strength and Conditioning Minor

This minor provides students with the scientific knowledge and applied skills to train athletes for the primary goal of improving athletic performance. Content includes conducting sport-specific testing sessions, designing/implementing safe and effective strength training and conditioning programs, and providing guidance regarding nutrition and injury prevention. Classes include traditional coursework, lab activities, and supervised practicum hours. Students who exhibit mastery of the coursework are eligible to sit for a national certification exam in strength and conditioning. Prereqs: Admission to any major and a minimum overall GPA of 2.50.

Strength and Conditioning Minor: 18 Credits

Strength and Conditioning: 18 Credits

- KINE 278 - Physiology of Strength and Conditioning (3)
- KINE 377 - Principles of Strength and Conditioning (3)
- KINE 474 - Theoretical and Applied Strength and Conditioning Training (4)
- KINE 477 - Sports Nutrition (4)
- KINE 484 - Practicum in Strength and Conditioning (4)

Total Required Credits: 18

NOTE: A minimum grade of C must be achieved in ALL courses required for this minor, especially as needed to progress to the next course in the sequence.

Sport and Recreation Ministry Minor

IMPORTANT NOTE: *Program is under review and subject to change/closure/replacement. Program is closed to new admits.*

Sports and Recreation Ministry Minor: 21 Credits

Sports and Recreation Ministry Core: 17 Credits

- BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)
- KINE 325 - Practicum in Sports and Recreation Ministry (1-4) (*take 1-credit version twice*)
- MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)
- SPAD 142 - Introduction to Sport Administration (2)
- SPAD 280 - Sport Facility and Event Operations (3)
- SPAD 391 - Christian Leadership and Ethics in Sport (3)

Biblical and Religious Studies Elective: 4 Credits (*choose one course*)

- BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)
- BREL 240 - Church Dynamics (4)
- BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)

Total Required Credits: 21

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)

Admission Requirements

The Samford Departments of Kinesiology and Physical Therapy offer a fast-track undergraduate degree in exercise science (BS) and doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) that can be completed over a six-year period. Incoming Samford freshmen who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply.

Criteria to apply for the competitive fast-track program:

1. Admitting high school seniors only.
2. Minimum score of 28 on the ACT or SAT score of 1300.
3. A GPA of 3.80 or higher in high school.
4. Significant record of service to the community.
5. Be accepted into the undergraduate exercise science major within the Department of Kinesiology.

Eligible admitted students will be emailed a secondary application in late January/early February. From that pool of applicants, select students will be invited to attend an on-campus interview. A faculty selection committee will then determine acceptance into the program.

If accepted, during their freshman year, students will begin taking the undergraduate requirements in the Kinesiology Department's exercise science major and continue with that training through the first three years. In the fall of the fourth year, the first year in the graduate cohort of the physical therapy program will begin. Provided students maintain degree requirements and progression standards, they will be awarded a bachelor of science in exercise science degree at the end of spring in the fourth year and the doctor of physical therapy degree at the end of the sixth year. This reduces the amount of time typically needed to earn a bachelor's and doctorate degrees by one year. Students will not need to apply to the doctoral physical therapy program again, because of early acceptance into the program as a freshman.

Progression Policies

During the undergraduate program, students must meet the following progression standards to remain in the program:

1. Must be a declared exercise science major and follow the precise plan of study.
2. Complete all exercise science requirements on time in the first three years at Samford University.
3. Achieve a B or higher in all courses with a KINE prefix.
4. Achieve a C or higher AND maintain a 3.00 average GPA on all prerequisite courses.
5. Achieve a cumulative 3.50 GPA, or higher, and complete all required convocation hours by the end of the spring semester in the third year.

6. Participate in Samford-approved service or mission work by the spring semester of the third year.
7. Complete 10 hours of documented volunteer experience in each of three different physical therapy practice settings (30 hours total).
8. Meet with an academic advisor once a semester.
9. Candidates must pay a nonrefundable fee of \$1,000 to secure admission into the DPT program by January of the junior year.
10. Once students have begun the doctoral program, DPT progression standards apply.

The doctor of physical therapy program at Samford University is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone: 703:706-3245; accreditation@apta.org. The program received full accreditation for five years, which is the maximum amount. Graduate from a physical therapist education program accredited by CAPTE is necessary for eligibility to sit for the licensure examination, which is required in all states.

Fast-Track Doctor of Physical Therapy (BS/DPT)

For those called to a career in physical therapy, the fast-track doctor of physical therapy program (BS/DPT) provides eligible students the opportunity to earn both a bachelor of science (BS) in exercise science and a doctor of physical therapy (DPT) in just six years.

Incoming freshmen may apply for the fast-track program and must meet specific progression standards in order to remain in it. Acceptance to the fast-track as a freshman guarantees admission into Samford's DPT program as long as progression standards are met. The first three years of the program are dedicated to completion of all required undergraduate courses. In the fall of the fourth year, students begin the DPT program. A bachelor's in exercise science is awarded at the end of spring in the fourth year, and a doctor of physical therapy at the end of the sixth year.

Admission into the fast-track program is highly competitive. Based on the application, a limited number of candidates will be interviewed for admission. If selected, students are assigned a faculty mentor in the Kinesiology and Physical Therapy Departments.

Undergraduate Courses (BS in Exercise Science): 96 Credits

Year 1, Fall: 16 Credits

- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- KINE 141 - Introduction to Health Sciences (2)
- KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2)

Year 1, Spring: 18 Credits

- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- Any Gen Ed Humanities Course (4)

Year 2, Fall: 16 Credits

- BIOL 101 & BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 205 & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I & Lab (4,1)
- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) or SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)

Year 2, Spring: 14 Credits

- BIOL 103 & BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 207 & CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II & Lab (3,1)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)
- KINE 398 - Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (2)

Year 3, Fall: 18 Credits

- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4)
- KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)
- KINE 476 - Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)
- KINE 498 - Research in Kinesiology I (2)

Year 3, Spring: 14 Credits

- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
- PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)
- KINE 487 - Recognition and Evaluation of Athletic Injuries (4)
- KINE 499 - Research in Kinesiology II (2)

Graduate Courses (Doctor of Physical Therapy): 122 Credits

Year 4, Fall: 18 Credits

- PTH 610 - Human Anatomy (5)
- PTH 620 - Physiology (3)
- PTH 671 - GOSPEL 1 - GO: Service, Practice, & Experiential Learning 1 (3)
- PTH 731 - Examination and Evaluation 1 (3)
- PTH 732 - Examination and Evaluation 2 (4)

Year 4, Spring: 17 Credits

- PHTH 611 - Neuroscience (4)
- PHTH 631 - Exercise Physiology (3)
- PHTH 632 - Biomechanics (3)
- PHTH 672 - GOSPEL 2 - GO: Service, Practice, & Experiential Learning 2 (3)
- PHTH 733 - PT Interventions (4)

NOTE: After completion of Year 4, Spring, the BS in Exercise Science can be awarded.

Year 4, Summer: 15 Credits

- PHTH 621 - Pathophysiology and Pharmacology (4)
- PHTH 673 - GOSPEL 3 - GO: Service, Practice, & Experiential Learning 3 (4)
- PHTH 691 - Scholarly Inquiry 1 (3)
- PHTH 710 - Clinical Decision-Making (1)
- PHTH 760 - Lifespan (3)

Year 5, Fall: 16 Credits

- PHTH 674 - GOSPEL 4 - GO: Service, Practice, and Experiential Learning 4 (2)
- PHTH 692 - Scholarly Inquiry 2 (1)
- PHTH 741 - Acute Care (2)
- PHTH 761 - Pediatrics (2)
- PHTH 764 - Neurorehabilitation 1 (4)
- PHTH 771 - Spine (5)

Year 5, Spring: 17 Credits

- PHTH 675 - GOSPEL 5 - GO: Service, Practice, and Experiential Learning 5 (2)
- PHTH 693 - Scholarly Inquiry 3 (1)
- PHTH 703 - PT Practice: Leadership, Administration, and Finance (3)
- PHTH 742 - Cardiovascular and Pulmonary (3)
- PHTH 765 - Neurorehabilitation 2 (4)
- PHTH 772 - Lower Extremity (4)

Year 5, Summer: 12 Credits

- PHTH 676 - GOSPEL 6 - GO: Service, Practice, and Experiential Learning 6 (1)
- PHTH 694 - Scholarly Inquiry 4 (1)
- PHTH 711 - Differential Diagnosis and Clinical Reasoning (2)
- PHTH 773 - Upper Extremity (4)
- PHTH 785 - Professional Internship 1A (3)
- PHTH 800-level - Special Topic (1)

Year 6, Fall: 17 Credits

- PHTH 786 - Professional Internship 1B (7)
- PHTH 787 - Professional Internship 2 (10)

Year 6, Spring: 10 Credits

- PHTH 788 - Professional Internship 3 (10)

Total Required Credits: 218

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for descriptions of PHTH courses.

Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing

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History

Rich in tradition, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing was founded in 1922 by the Birmingham Baptist Association as a hospital-based diploma program. In 1955, the school became the first program in Alabama to achieve national accreditation, and it has remained fully accredited throughout its existence. The nursing program transferred to Samford University in 1973 following a merger agreement with the Baptist Health System to offer associate and baccalaureate degrees in nursing. The school currently resides within the College of Health Sciences facilities on the east side of Samford's campus. Extraordinary growth and transformation have occurred since the school's inception, but the school's objective remains unchanged – prepare students to provide exceptional, compassionate, patient-centered care. Pass rates for graduates taking national licensure and certification examinations exceed national averages. Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing offers a variety of pathways and concentrations for obtaining a bachelor of science in nursing, a master of science in nursing, or a doctor of nursing practice degree. Advanced practice registered nurse certificates are also available.

Accreditation and Approval

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, doctor of nursing practice program, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs at Samford University, Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, are accredited by The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, D.C., 20001; (202) 887-6791.

Program Goals

The goals of the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing (MSSON) are as follows:

1. **Academic Distinction:** Promote academic excellence in undergraduate and graduate programs.
 2. **Student Engagement:** Engage students in co-curricular activities that build community and encourage learning.
 3. **Employee Elevation:** Provide opportunities for faculty and staff to achieve their personal, professional, and spiritual growth.
 4. **Faith Formation:** Provide faith-based learning opportunities where students and employees are encouraged to grow in their Christian faith.
 5. **Community Celebration/Global Influence:** Engage students in community and global opportunities with exposure to individuals with diverse life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds.
 6. **Financial Stewardship and Strength:** Ensure responsible financial management to enable the MSSON to fulfill its mission and program outcomes.
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Code of Ethical and Professional Conduct

Students in the School of Nursing must adhere to standards of conduct specified in the *Samford University Student Handbook* as well as the *Samford University Student Guide to Academic Integrity*, and certain standards of behavior appropriate for all health professionals. Students shall comply with legal, moral, and legislative standards that determine acceptable behavior of the nurse. Noncompliance may be cause for suspension/dismissal from the nursing school and denial of permission by individual state boards of nursing to take the NCLEX-RN examination or be approved as an advanced practice nurse.

Students documented to have demonstrated unethical, unprofessional, or unsafe conduct merit immediate probation or dismissal from the nursing school. Grievances, which result from students failing to adhere to appropriate personal and professional conduct, will be considered by utilizing the grievance process in the *Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing Student Handbook* and the *Samford University Catalog*.

NCLEX-RN=National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses

School of Nursing Expenses

In addition to tuition, fees, and room and board costs, undergraduate students are responsible for other costs associated with nursing courses. Costs include books and other required course materials, a physical examination, required immunizations, background check, compliance account, personal laptop computer, and required health insurance. Additional expenses for undergraduates include costs associated with application for licensure. Students are responsible for providing transportation to and from clinical experiences and parking costs at some clinical sites.

Student Health Insurance

Students in the School of Nursing are required to provide proof of existing health insurance coverage on an annual basis. Failure to provide evidence of insurance may result in the student being automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) and their student account charged for coverage. Eligible Samford students can explore the plan and enroll by visiting <https://samford.myahpcare.com>.

International Students: Based upon federal regulations and university policy, all F and J visa holders are required to carry insurance that meets certain coverage requirements. Information about specific policy carriers, minimum coverage, and premium costs is available from SamfordGlobal at (205) 726-4334.

Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance is provided by Samford University. Personal professional liability insurance for clinical practice, while not required, is highly recommended for all nursing students.

Clinical Resources

Clinical experiences for the School of Nursing are provided in Birmingham-area hospitals and selected community health clinics and settings. All clinical facilities are accredited by the appropriate agencies. In addition, a wide variety of agencies are utilized for graduate student experiences including, but not limited to primary care facilities, schools of nursing, acute care facilities, and managed care organizations.

Required Health Data

The student must have completed and submitted all necessary documentation required by the university, the School of Nursing, and all clinical agencies before starting clinical courses.

The following health data must be current:

1. **Health Form:** Prior to starting a clinical course, undergraduate students must have a completed College of Health Sciences health form on file.
2. **Immunization Form:** Prior to starting a clinical course, undergraduate students must complete all pages of the School of Nursing immunization form and upload it to their compliance account.
3. **Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification:** BLS is a requirement for all clinical nursing courses. The School of Nursing does not accept online courses. Certification must be updated every two years. This certification must be obtained through the American Heart Association. This certification must include one-rescuer and two-rescuer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) of adult, child, and infant. Evidence of a current card issued by the American Heart Association is required. Initial BLS Certification is provided for all students during their first clinical semester.
4. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Immunity:** Each student must submit evidence of two MMR vaccinations or a positive titer for all three components. If the titer is negative, the student must get a booster and re-titer. If a student refuses the vaccine, a waiver must be completed, signed, and filed.
5. **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Students who have not had the chicken pox must complete the two-step varicella vaccine or provide evidence of a positive titer. If the titer is negative, the student must repeat vaccination series and re-titer. If a student refuses the vaccine, a waiver must be completed, signed, and filed.
6. **Influenza Immunization:** Each student must submit evidence of an influenza immunization, annually, in the fall semester.
7. **Hepatitis B:** The School of Nursing requires each student to take the three-step Hepatitis B vaccine or provide evidence of a positive titer. If the titer is negative, the student must repeat vaccination series and re-titer. University Health Services offers the vaccine, or the student may consult a physician or local health department for the vaccination. If a student refuses the vaccination series, a waiver form must be completed, signed, and filed.

8. **Mantoux Tuberculin Skin Test:** The School of Nursing requires each student to have an initial, two-step Mantoux tuberculin skin test, TSpot, or Quantiferon Gold. No annual tuberculin skin test is required. Students who test positive must meet current CDC guidelines.
9. **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis:** Each student must provide evidence of Tdap vaccination within the past ten years. The Tdap must remain up to date until the student completes the program.
10. **Drug Screening and Background Checks:** All undergraduate students are required to submit to drug screening and a background check prior to beginning clinical experiences and an additional drug screen at the beginning of the senior year. Additionally, all students may be tested for cause or clinical affiliation requirements. Students are responsible for all costs associated with the background check and any “for-cause” drug testing. (See *School of Nursing Student Handbook* for Substance Abuse Policy and Procedure.)
11. **Additional Requirements:** Clinical agencies may place additional health requirements on students affiliating with that agency. Students will be notified when applicable.

Nursing

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Nursing Major (BSN)
 Nursing Major (Five-Semester Second Degree BSN)
 Nursing Major (RN to BSN Online Program) (BSN) *

Non-Degree/Pre-Professional Major

Pre-Nursing Major (NNU)

Students enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program in the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing are prepared to use knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practice skills learned from both nursing and liberal arts to provide professional nursing care in a variety of clinical settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Our graduates consistently achieve pass rates above state and national averages on the NCLEX-RN.

In addition to the traditional BSN program, individuals who already hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing may pursue a BSN through the five-semester second degree program. Students may apply to the school of nursing immediately upon admission to Samford University.

The non-degree, pre-nursing major is for students who are planning to enter the nursing program, but who have not yet received formal admittance.

 *Individuals who already hold an associate degree in nursing may pursue the RN to BSN through Continuing Studies/Samford Online.
 NCLEX-RN=National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses

Admission Policies

Admission to the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing is competitive. Meeting minimum admission requirements is not a guarantee of admission. To be considered for admission all prospective undergraduate students who desire to enter the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing must submit an application for admission to Samford University AND submit the nursing application form.

Freshman applicants must meet the following academic requirements:

1. A minimum composite score of 21 on the ACT or 1060 on the SAT.
2. High school graduates must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale, have completed four units of English, two units of math, and two units of lab sciences with a grade of C (2.0) or better in the lab sciences. **Transfer students** with less than 24 semester credits or 36 quarter credits in total at other institutions must meet the requirements of entering freshmen.

Transfer students with 24 credits or more must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all coursework taken to be admitted.
2. Have a grade of C (2.0) or better in all required science courses and a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale in all required science courses (anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology); or to be considered for conditional admission have a 2.30 on two of the four required courses (anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology). Additionally, the 2.30 or higher GPA must be maintained for the remaining two science courses in order to be removed from conditional admission.
3. Have completed all required science courses within the last seven years. All grades earned in the required science courses within the last seven years will be used to calculate the science GPA.
4. Have repeated no more than one of the required science courses one time.
5. Have completed the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum score of 72 and proficiency in all four subject areas (58.7 indicates proficiency in a subject area). The ATI TEAS exam may be taken a maximum of three times per calendar year.
6. Applicants who have previously attended schools of nursing must submit a letter of good standing from the dean or program director of all nursing schools attended. The letter must include a statement regarding the individual's eligibility to continue and/or to be readmitted to the nursing program for which the administrator is responsible. An applicant who did not earn a passing grade in a nursing course (C or better) from another institution will not be considered for admission.

Five-semester second-degree students must meet the following admission requirements:

1. Hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in another discipline/field from an accredited institution at the time the degree was awarded.
2. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.00 scale in courses required for prior bachelor's degree(s).
3. Have a grade of C (2.0) or better in all required science courses and a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale in all required science courses (anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology); or to be considered for conditional admission have a 2.30 on two of the four required courses (anatomy, physiology, chemistry, microbiology). Additionally, the 2.30 or higher GPA must be maintained for the remaining two science courses in order to be removed from conditional admission.
4. Have completed all required science courses within the last seven years. All grades earned in the required science courses within the last seven years will be used to calculate the science GPA.
5. Have repeated no more than one of the required science courses one time.
6. Have completed the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum score of 72 and proficiency in all four subject areas (58.7 indicates proficiency in a subject area). The ATI TEAS exam may be taken a maximum of three times per calendar year.
7. Applicants who have previously attended schools of nursing must submit a letter of good standing from the dean or program director of all nursing schools attended. The letter must include a statement regarding the individual's eligibility to continue and/or to be readmitted to the nursing program for which the administrator is responsible. An applicant who did not earn a passing grade in a nursing course (C or better) from another institution will not be considered for admission.

All applicants must be recommended by the School of Nursing Undergraduate Admission/Progression Committee.

Transfer Credit and Placement

1. Credit through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is available. Contact the Office of the Registrar for information.
2. Dantes Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) are available.
3. A student wishing to transfer to the School of Nursing from another division within Samford University must apply to the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing through Slate.
4. A student who has attended another school of nursing must submit a letter of good standing from the dean or department chair of the program attended.
5. The student who voluntarily withdraws from the School of Nursing and remains out for 12 months or longer must apply for readmission. The student who left in good standing may be readmitted but must meet all current criteria for admission and adhere to current performance standards, progression policies, and graduation requirements. Re-admission is contingent upon seat and clinical space availability.

Progression Policies

In order to progress in the undergraduate program in the School of Nursing, the student must:

1. Submit a completed College of Health Sciences health form and Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing immunization form to the student compliance account.
2. Submit negative results on drug screen and background check.
3. Have a signed Confidentiality Statement on file.
4. Make a grade of C (2.0) or better in each required course in the School of Nursing curriculum. Note: A grade of D or F constitutes failure in any required course. The nursing school accepts a C- in any required general education course in the nursing curriculum with the exception of the required science courses.
5. Achieve a grade of C or better in all required science courses (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and chemistry), and can repeat no more than one of the required science courses one time.
6. Complete all required science courses (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and chemistry) with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale prior to enrolling in any NURS course. All attempts will be calculated.
7. Satisfy all prerequisites as prescribed in this catalog.
8. Adhere to the following limitation: Students are allowed to enroll in the same nursing course a maximum of two times.
9. The course repeat policy published in the *Samford University Catalog* will be followed.

Any student who fails to meet progression standards may continue as a Samford student but will be terminated from the School of Nursing.

Policies Regarding Course Failures

A traditional or five-semester second degree student who fails one nursing course in which a grade of D or F was earned may repeat the course the following semester, if space is available. If the student fails a clinical nursing course the student may not enroll in another clinical nursing course until the failed course is successfully completed.

Any student who fails two nursing courses with grades of D or F will be terminated from the School of Nursing and is eligible to be considered for readmission.

Any student desiring readmission, who has been terminated from the School of Nursing due to failure and is eligible to be considered for readmission, is responsible for submitting a formal, written letter (no email) to the associate dean of the undergraduate program asking to be considered for readmission. Students seeking readmission must meet current admission criteria and readmission is contingent upon approval from the Undergraduate Admission/Progression Committee, the associate dean, and space availability.

After readmission due to academic failure, one failure in a required nursing course results in permanent termination from the School of Nursing. Termination from the School of Nursing does not change the status of the student's admission or progression at Samford University.

Any student who fails three or more nursing courses or who fails the same nursing course twice with grades of D or F will be permanently terminated from the School of Nursing and is not eligible to be considered for readmission.

All students must adhere to the Code of Ethical/Professional Conduct as specified in this catalog, School of Nursing section.

The student with an incomplete (INC) in any nursing course may not progress in the nursing curriculum until the incomplete is removed. All prerequisites must be satisfied as prescribed in this catalog.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Information contained within this catalog pertains to students enrolled in the revised nursing program that begins in the 2024-2025 academic year. Students enrolled in the nursing program that began in an earlier academic year should refer to the prior catalog edition for relevant program outcomes, policies, and procedures.

BSN Program Outcomes

Graduates with a BSN from Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing will be prepared to:

1. Apply knowledge gained from a liberal education and nursing as a foundation for clinical judgment and innovative nursing practice.
2. Provide compassionate, person-centered care within multiple contexts across the health continuum.
3. Utilize public health prevention and disease management strategies to improve equitable population health outcomes.
4. Integrate best evidence to inform ethical nursing practice and clinical decision making.
5. Implement principles of quality improvement and safety at individual and system levels to improve desired health outcomes.
6. Demonstrate effective communication and collaboration within the interprofessional team to optimize care delivery.
7. Apply innovative, system-based solutions to address complex health problems for diverse individuals and populations across settings.
8. Utilize information and communication technologies and informatics to inform decision making and deliver quality nursing care in a variety of settings.
9. Demonstrate professional nursing identity through accountability and ethical behaviors across roles, relationships, and settings.
10. Engage in activities and self-reflection that promote resilience and personal, professional, and leadership development.

General Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

1. Completion of overall general university graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree.
2. Completion of the required curriculum of 128 credits.
3. Maintenance of a cumulative Samford GPA of 2.00.
4. Transfer students must follow the university policy for resident credit as outlined in this catalog.
5. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 68 nursing credits.
6. Nursing students may pursue a minor in any field, although a minor is not required.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Nursing Major (BSN)

Students enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program in the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing are prepared to use knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practice skills learned from both nursing and liberal arts to provide professional nursing care in a variety of clinical settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Our graduates consistently achieve pass rates above state and national averages on the NCLEX-RN and experience excellent employment rates.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 12-13 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4-5): *(typically two courses, including lab)*
 - One combo from CHEM 108/CHEM 109 or CHEM 205/CHEM 206
 - OR
 - Introductory chemistry course
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 (4)
- Mathematics (4)

Nursing Major: 94 Credits

Pre-Professional Requirements: 19-20 Credits

- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
- BIOL 225 & BIOL 226 - Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences & Lab (3,1)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)

Nursing Core: 71 Credits

- NURS 210 - Medication Dosage Calculation for Nurses (1)
- NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3)
- NURS 236 - Introduction to Nursing (3)
- NURS 241 - Health Assessment (4)
- NURS 243 - Pathophysiology (4)

- NURS 324 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice I (2)
- NURS 326 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice II (2)
- NURS 340 - Behavioral Health (4)
- NURS 346 - Foundations of Nursing Practice (8)
- NURS 348 - Maternal and Newborn Nursing (4)
- NURS 350 - Adult Health Nursing I (7)
- NURS 380 - Scholarship for Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 448 - Pediatric Nursing (4)
- NURS 450 - Adult Health Nursing II (6)
- NURS 468 - Population Health Nursing (4)
- NURS 470 - Leadership for Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 480 - Senior Capstone (2)
- NURS 490 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (7)

Nursing Elective: 3 Credits (*choose 3 credits from the list of Nursing Electives*)

- Nursing Electives for Traditional BSN Majors

Total Required Credits: 128-129

Nursing Electives for Traditional BSN Majors

- NURS 110 - Health Care Perspectives (1)
- NURS 301 - Camp Nursing (3)
- NURS 302 - Nursing Care of the Older Adult (3)
- NURS 303 - Technology and Informatics in Health Care (3)
- NURS 304 - Missions Nursing Abroad (3)
- NURS 305 - Independent Study (1)
- NURS 306 - Independent Study (2)
- NURS 307 - Independent Study (3)
- NURS 308 - High-Risk Neonatal Nursing (3)
- NURS 309 - Perioperative Nursing (3)
- NURS 310 - Ethical Considerations in Nursing (3)
- NURS 313 - Labor and Delivery Nursing (3)
- NURS 316 - Developmental Disabilities (2)
- NURS 317 - CampUS for Developmental Disabilities (1)
- NURS 318 - Emergency Nursing (3)
- NURS 322 - Health Seminar (2)
- NURS 402 - Nursing in the British Isles (3)
- NURS 403 - Missions Nursing (3)
- NURS 404 - Advanced Practice Roles in Nursing (3)
- NURS 405 - National Health Service in the United Kingdom (3)
- NURS 406 - Women's Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 407 - Forensic Nursing (3)
- NURS 408 - Mental Health and the Movies: Using Films to Understand Psychopathology (3)
- NURS 411 - Pediatric Oncology Nursing (3)

Nursing Major (Five-Semester Second Degree BSN)

Students enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program in the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing are prepared to use knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practice skills learned from both nursing and liberal arts to provide professional nursing care in a variety of clinical settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Our graduates consistently achieve pass rates above state and national averages on the NCLEX-RN and experience excellent employment rates.

In addition to the traditional BSN program, individuals who already hold a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing may pursue a BSN through the five-semester second degree program. Students may apply to the school of nursing immediately upon admission to Samford University.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 28-37 Credits

- Natural Sciences/Applied Sciences (19-25)
 - General Education Math satisfies this requirement (3-4)
 - Statistics - MATH 210 satisfies this requirement (3-4)
 - Anatomy - BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 together satisfy this requirement (3-4)
 - Physiology - BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 together satisfy this requirement (3-4)
 - Microbiology - BIOL 225 & BIOL 226 together satisfy this requirement (3-4)
 - Introduction to Chemistry or higher - CHEM 108/CHEM 109 (4) or CHEM 205/CHEM 206 (5) satisfy this req (4-5)
- Social Sciences (6-8)
 - Introduction to Psychology - PSYC 101 satisfies this requirement (3-4)
 - Lifespan Developmental Psychology - PSYC 205 satisfies this requirement (3-4)
- Humanities (3-4)
 - Religion, Old or New Testament - UCBF 101 satisfies this requirement (3-4)

Nursing Major (Five-Semester Second Degree): 71-72 Credits

Pre-Professional Requirements: 3-4 Credits

- Nutrition: NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions satisfies this requirement (3-4)

Nursing Core: 68 Credits

- NURS 210 - Medication Dosage Calculation for Nurses (1)
- NURS 236 - Introduction to Nursing (3)

- NURS 241 - Health Assessment (4)
- NURS 243 - Pathophysiology (4)
- NURS 324 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice I (2)
- NURS 326 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice II (2)
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- NURS 470 - Leadership for Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 480 - Senior Capstone (2)
- NURS 490 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (7)

Total Required Credits: 99-109

Non-Degree/Pre-Professional Major

Pre-Nursing Major (NNU)

Students enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program in the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing are prepared to use knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practice skills learned from both nursing and liberal arts to provide professional nursing care in a variety of clinical settings. Upon completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse. Our graduates consistently achieve pass rates above state and national averages on the NCLEX-RN and experience excellent employment rates.

The non-degree pre-nursing major is for students who are planning to enter the nursing program, but who have not yet received formal admittance.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 12-13 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (4-5): *(typically two courses, including lab)*
 - One combo from CHEM 108/CHEM 109 or CHEM 205/CHEM 206
 - OR
 - Introductory chemistry course
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 (4)
- Mathematics (4)

Pre-Nursing Major: 94 Credits

Pre-Professional Requirements: 19-20 Credits

- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
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- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)

Nursing Core: 71 Credits

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- NURS 490 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (7)

Nursing Elective: 3 Credits *(choose 3 credits from the list of Nursing Electives)*

- Nursing Electives for Traditional BSN Majors

Total Required Credits: 128-129

McWhorter School of Pharmacy

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History

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy of Samford University was established January 31, 1927, in Birmingham, Alabama as the Howard College Department of Pharmacy. The Department grew steadily and became the Division of Pharmacy in 1938. Designation as the Samford University School of Pharmacy occurred in 1965 when Howard College reorganized to become Samford University. In 1995, Samford University Trustees authorized naming the school the McWhorter School of Pharmacy in recognition of the generous support of alumnus R. Clayton McWhorter ('55) and his family. In 2027, the school will celebrate its 100th year of operation.

Vision and Mission

The vision of the pharmacy school is to prepare pharmacists who transform lives.

The pharmacy school supports the Joint Commission of Pharmacy Practitioners (JCPP) statement of a unified vision for the future of pharmacy practice that states that “Pharmacists will be the health care professionals responsible for providing patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes.”

The mission of the Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy is to nurture and prepare persons within a Christian environment to be exemplary pharmacists and to improve health worldwide through innovative pharmacy practice, scholarship, and service.

Curriculum Outcome

The Samford University doctor of pharmacy program is design to create graduates that are “Practice and Team Ready.”

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Competencies and Values

Christian Faith

We value Christian faith, which encompasses:

- Supporting the Christian mission of the university
- Encouraging the exploration of calling in one's professional and personal life
- Creating an environment that fosters community and acceptance
- Providing opportunities for shaping one's own spiritual formation

Discovery

We value discovery, which encompasses:

- Acquiring knowledge relating to pharmacy and medication therapy
- Applying knowledge to better patients' health and lives
- Engaging in teaching and learning that challenges and enlightens
- Conducting research that contributes to the body of knowledge relating to pharmacy and medication therapy
- Fostering creativity and inquisitiveness

Patient Health

We value patient health, which encompasses:

- Caring for the individual patient as well as the population
- Cultivating patient-centered approach to healthcare
- Exhibiting compassionate care for the whole person
- Promoting patient wellness and preventative care
- Advancing pharmacists' role in the healthcare team
- Advocating use of the most effective healing methods
- Promoting optimal medication use
- Improving care for the underserved

Relationships

We value relationships, which encompass:

- Cultivating caring and respectful faculty-student interactions
- Maintaining involvement with alumni
- Encouraging student connectedness
- Providing a community environment for employees
- Appreciating and supporting external constituents

Achievement

We value achievement, which encompasses:

- Striving for excellence in teaching, learning, service, practice, and scholarship
- Cultivating an environment that encourages personal growth and development
- Maintaining continuous school accreditation through ACPE since our first site visit in 1940
- Graduating pharmacists who consistently exceed national averages on licensure exams
- Promoting life-long learning and an attitude of service to others and the profession

Professionalism

We value professionalism, which encompasses:

- Demonstrating personal integrity
- Accepting responsibility for the quality of individual practice
- Practicing with a commitment to service
- Serving the needs of both the patient and profession
- Exhibiting continuously the ethical, moral, and legal principles of our profession
- Participating in pharmacy organizations to advance the profession

The school has a competency-based curriculum consisting of domains, outcomes, competencies, and learning objectives that are customized for the Samford-McWhorter School of Pharmacy. The framework is based on Center for Advancement in Pharmacy Education (CAPE) Outcomes, blended with pharmacy Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs), and the Samford University College of Health Sciences Interprofessional Education framework. Please refer to this website for specifics and detailed information: <http://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/files/PHAR-Curriculum-Competencies.pdf>.

Accreditation

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 20 North Clark Street, Suite 2500, Chicago, IL, 60602; Phone (312) 664-3575; Website: www.acpe-accredit.org.

McWhorter School of Pharmacy Organizations

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
American Pharmacists Association Academy of
Student Pharmacists
Christian Pharmacy Fellowship
Industry Pharmacists Organization
International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and
Outcomes Research
Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity
National Community Pharmacists Association
Pediatric Pharmacy Association
Phi Lambda Sigma (Leadership Society)
Rho Chi Society (Academic Honor Society)
Student College of Clinical Pharmacy
Student National Pharmaceutical Association
Student Society of Health-System Pharmacy

Pharmacy

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Pharmacy Studies Major (BS) *

Non-Degree/Pre-Professional Advising

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Samford Students

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Transfer Students

*The BS in pharmacy studies is for students accepted into the PharmD program. It is not a stand-alone major.

Admission Policies

All communications regarding admission should be directed to the director of pharmacy admissions in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Applications are considered on a competitive basis by the Admissions Committee. The committee meets regularly beginning in August and notifies applicants as decisions are made.

No student can be considered for admission to the program until 16 semester credits or four courses of prerequisite math and science coursework and 32 credits of total coursework have been completed. Math and science courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. All other prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. At a minimum, applicants must be enrolled in the first course in organic chemistry by the spring semester of the current application cycle to be considered for standard admission.

For the most up-to-date information on admissions policies, please visit the website at www.samford.edu/pharmacy.

Time limit on science prerequisite coursework

Applicants who have earned a bachelor's degree or higher may use a math and/or science prerequisite if the date of the pharmacy application is submitted within five years from the posting of the latest degree. Applicants who have not earned a bachelor's degree may use a math and/or science prerequisite if that coursework was completed within five years of the submission of the pharmacy application. For all applicants, there is no time limit on any non-math or non-science prerequisite coursework. An appeal process is available for math and science prerequisites that fall outside the five-year window of completion.

For an applicant to be considered for admission, a PharmCAS application must be submitted **by the date published by the school in PharmCAS**. This deadline may be extended if the entering class is not filled. To make application to the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, the applicant must complete the national online application at www.PharmCAS.org. References are processed through PharmCAS. Official transcripts, essays, and letters of recommendation are sent to PharmCAS and then forwarded to every pharmacy school the applicant designates. Other requirements are listed on the pharmacy school's website at www.samford.edu/pharmacy.

Applicants who are international students, or American citizens who learned English as a second language, must demonstrate satisfactory written and verbal communication skills in English as a part of the admissions process.

An interview at the applicant's expense is required for applicants invited for admission consideration.

Criteria for being eligible to interview are published on the pharmacy website: www.samford.edu/pharmacy.

Decisions regarding admission are made on a rolling basis. Students may be accepted from a rank-ordered alternate list approved for admission if previously accepted students decline the opportunity to enter the program. Students who are notified of acceptance to the pharmacy school must return a deposit within a specified period of time to reserve a place in the class. The deposit is not refundable but will apply toward tuition for the first semester in residence.

Students who have been accepted by the pharmacy school may be denied admission just prior to or at the time of matriculation for: (1) failure to submit final transcripts of all college work completed at another institution, (2) a significant drop in grade point average, (3) failure to meet any academic stipulations set forth in the letter of acceptance, and/or (4) proven behavior that is not well-suited for the responsibilities and privileges embodied in the practice of pharmacy.

After notification of admission to the pharmacy school, students are expected to learn medical terminology on a self-study basis and be prepared for a proficiency examination at the start of the fall semester.

Transfer

A student enrolled in another ACPE-accredited* college/school of pharmacy may request a transfer into the McWhorter School of Pharmacy. Because of the highly integrated nature of the curriculum, it may not be possible to grant credit for prior coursework completed in another ACPE-accredited professional program. The decision will be determined on a case-by-case basis. Per Samford University policy, at least 50% of the pharmacy program's credit hours must be obtained through Samford in order to be awarded a Samford degree.

The student is required to submit the following to the school's associate dean for academic affairs:

- Official transcript from the current college/school of pharmacy.
- Current college/school of pharmacy curriculum from current catalog or first academic year enrolled.
- Syllabus and learning objectives for each pharmacy course completed.
- Two letters of reference from the current college/school of pharmacy. One letter must be from the academic dean stating that the student is in good standing and professional conduct standing.
- Any other materials requested by the school.

The associate dean for academic affairs, along with the assistant dean for curricular innovation and professional development, will make a decision about whether to accept the student and, if so, where the student would enter our curriculum. Input from other areas (e.g., student affairs, admissions, or any other relevant entity) can be requested at their discretion.

*ACPE=Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Samford University complies with applicable provisions of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Students with disabilities who seek disability accommodations should contact the university's Office of Accessibility and Accommodations (OAA) located in Room 203 of Dwight Beeson Hall, or call (205) 726-4078 or email access@samford.edu. A faculty member will grant reasonable accommodations only upon official notification from the university's OAA. Students have a responsibility to follow the process defined by the university OAA and course syllabi.

Technical Standards for Admission

In order to comply and proceed with the mission of the McWhorter School of Pharmacy, technical standards for admission are a necessity, as they ensure the education of pharmacists who facilitate competent patient care and professional services in all facets of healthcare. Students admitted to the pharmacy school must possess the intellectual, emotional, and physical abilities, with reasonable accommodations as needed for those with disabilities, to acquire the knowledge, behaviors, and skills needed to complete the curriculum. These standards are essential to ensure the competencies of graduates. Each applicant will be assessed in the academic and technical standards set forth by the admissions committee, notwithstanding reasonable accommodations, prior to matriculation.

The doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) degree identifies persons who have completed the curriculum necessary to perform the functions of a pharmacist; thus, graduates must convey and demonstrate abilities to preserve the safety and protection of public interests. Moreover, applicants for the PharmD program must be able, with or without reasonable accommodations, to perform specific essential functions that the faculty deem requisite for the practice of pharmacy. These functions fall into several categories, including communication; conceptual, interpretative, quantitative, behavioral, and social skills; and physical abilities. Applicants must also have the physical and emotional stamina to perform in a competent manner in practice settings that involve heavy workloads and/or stressful stimuli. Furthermore, the pharmacy school has determined that those individuals currently impaired by alcohol or substance abuse cannot meet the technical standards.

- I. **Communication:** Candidates must be able to speak, hear, and observe patients in a practice setting. They must be able to record information accurately and clearly, speak fluent English, and communicate effectively and sensitively with patients. Candidates must also be able to communicate effectively—and accurately—with other members of the healthcare team in oral and written form, and in patient care settings in which decisions based upon those communications must be made rapidly. Students must also be able to both receive and deliver all necessary communication in an accurate, timely, and easily understood manner.
- II. **Physical Abilities:** Candidates must possess sufficient visual, auditory, tactile and motor abilities to allow them to gather data from written and electronic reference material, from oral presentations, by observing demonstrations and experiments, by studying various types of medical illustrations, by observing a patient and his/her environment, by observing clinical procedures performed by others, by reading digital or analog representations of physiologic phenomena, and by performing basic physical examination techniques on a patient. Candidates must have sufficient physical function to elicit information from patients by palpation, auscultation, percussion and other diagnostic maneuvers necessary to assess a patient. Candidates must have the physical ability and manual dexterity to compound sterile and non-sterile products in an environment and manner compliant with existing regulations.
- III. **Interpretative, Conceptual, and Quantitative:** Candidates must have effective and efficient learning techniques and habits that allow mastery of the complex curriculum. They must be able to learn through a variety of modalities including, but not limited to, classroom instruction, small group activities, individual study, preparation and presentation of reports, and use of computer technology. They must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, synthesize, transcribe verbal messages accurately, and interpret written prescriptions accurately. Candidates must possess physical, emotional, and interpretative skills to complete examination and assessment requirements of the program in compliance with the curricular schedule. Candidates must possess like skills to be able to fully assess a patient with regard to physical status, patient communication, and behavior plus patient outward presentation which might be indicative of the patient's status. Candidates must be able to read, comprehend, and respond to serial information related to a medical situation or patient.
- IV. **Behavioral, Social and Emotional Attributes:** Candidates must understand the legal and ethical aspects of the practice of pharmacy, and function within the guidelines established by the law and by the ethical standards of the pharmacy profession. They must be able to relate to patients and their families, colleagues, and other members of the healthcare team with courtesy, maturity, and respect for the dignity of individuals. This requires that they place the welfare of their patients foremost, and demonstrate honesty, integrity, dedication, compassion, and nondiscrimination in the care of their patients. Candidates must, at all times, demonstrate the emotional stability to be able to exercise good judgment, and carry out prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the care of their patients in a sensitive and effective manner. This sensitivity includes self-examination of personal attitudes, perceptions, and stereotypes in order to avoid potential negative impact on relationships and patient care. Applicants must be of sufficient emotional health to adapt to changing environments, display flexibility and professional responsibility to their patients, and learn to function in an environment of uncertainty, in which changes may occur rapidly and without warning. Candidates must have sufficient emotional health to perform to standard in all experiential settings and in all acceptable teaching practices. An individual with a diagnosed disability may function as a pharmacy student as long as the above technical standards are fulfilled.

- V. **Stamina:** The study and ongoing practice of pharmacy may involve taxing workloads and stressful situations. A pharmacy student must have the physical and emotional stamina to maintain a high level of function in the face of such working conditions. In the event of a deteriorating behavioral, social, or emotional function, it is essential that a pharmacy student be willing to engage in dialogue with school officials as soon as there is evidence that the student is not meeting the technical standards. A pharmacy student whose actions or decisions pose a danger to self, patients, and/or colleagues will not be allowed to continue in the program unless the student agrees to accept professional help under conditions acceptable to the university and the pharmacy school.

Applicants are advised to contact the board of pharmacy of the states in which they intend to practice to be aware of any technical standards of those states which might restrict options to practice pharmacy.

Required Health Data

Students in the College of Health Sciences are required to provide proof of current personal health insurance coverage by the deadline provided. Students must also be able to provide proof of insurance on demand during any experiential course if requested by the experiential education site. Likewise, international students with F or J visas are required to provide proof of health insurance. Each year, students are automatically enrolled in the university-sponsored student health insurance plan and charged for this coverage. To have the charge removed from his/her Samford account, a student must provide proof of insurance by completing the insurance waiver at SAMFORD | Opt-Out/Waiver (<https://samford.myahpcare.com>). Deadlines for enrollment or registration of current insurance coverage (referred to as an "Opt-Out/Waiver") are set by Samford University. Without the waiver, the charge will remain on the student account and the student will be covered with health insurance from August 2025 to August 2026.

All pharmacy students accepted into the program will receive an email notifying them of how to download a College of Health Sciences (CHS) Physical Examination Form, Tuberculosis Testing Form, and Immunization Record/Titer History Form. All three forms must be completed and a copy of each uploaded to the credentialing website maintained by E*Value by the deadline provided. The Office of Experiential Education will communicate with all incoming first-year students via email upon enrollment prior to the upcoming fall semester. Physical exams for newly admitted students must be performed by a physician or mid-level provider (nurse practitioner or physician's assistant) and can only be submitted on the official CHS Physical Examination Form provided. Tuberculin testing must be performed within the 12 months prior to enrollment and submitted only on the official Tuberculosis Testing Form, which must be completed by a physician, mid-level provider (nurse practitioner or physician's assistant), registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse. Immunization history should be comprehensive and follow the requirements for students enrolled in the College of Health Sciences. The Immunization Record/Titer History Form must be completed by a physician, mid-level provider (nurse practitioner or physician's assistant), registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or pharmacist. Failure to upload all three documents to E*Value by the deadline provided will result in a \$150 fine and a registration hold on the student's record. Additionally, students who fail to upload the required documentation on the E*Value website by the deadline will be unable to begin the required experiential course and will jeopardize their enrollment in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

On an annual basis, documentation of a current physical exam, tuberculin testing, and seasonal flu vaccination must be provided throughout enrollment in pharmacy school. Documentation of the physical exam and tuberculin testing must be submitted on the official College of Health Sciences form, available through the Samford website.

The McWhorter School of Pharmacy has the following additional specific requirements related to immunizations and health screenings:

- **Tetanus Diphtheria Pertussis (Tdap) Vaccination** - All students are required to be immunized with adult Tdap vaccine due to the risk of transmitting pertussis. Only one dose of Tdap is required as an adult to provide protection from pertussis. Based upon guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for receipt of adult Tdap vaccine, even if you have received a tetanus antigen-containing vaccine (e.g., Td) within the past 10 years, you are required to receive the Tdap vaccine at this time. If the Tdap vaccination is over 10 years ago, a repeat vaccination with Tdap must be performed. However, if it has been greater than 10 years since you received the Tdap vaccine you are required to provide documentation that you have received a tetanus booster (Td). Students who provide medical documentation from a physician of current uncontrolled seizure disorders are exempt from this requirement.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccination** - All students born on or after January 1, 1957, must provide documentation of either (a) written documentation of two (2) live measles-antigen containing vaccines given no less than one month apart, and on or after the first birthday, or (b) written documentation of immunity by blood test (titer) demonstrating protective antibody levels to measles, mumps, and rubella.
- **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing** - All P1 students must provide written evidence of two-step TB skin test within the past 12 months of their first day of class (after the initial TB skin test another TB skin test will be performed within one [1] to three [3] weeks). If the second TB skin test is positive, an Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) test may be conducted to rule out a "false positive" and the test results provided as documentation. If the TB skin test is determined to be positive (10mm or greater), a letter from a physician must be submitted which addresses the health status of the student and includes a baseline chest x-ray report. For those students with a previously negative two-step TB skin test, a one-step TB skin test is required annually throughout the PharmD program. International students with documentation of receipt of tuberculosis vaccine (Bacillus Calmette-Guérin, or BCG Vaccine) must provide a letter from a physician documenting that a chest x-ray and appropriate follow-up has been completed.
- **Hepatitis B Vaccination** - All students must provide written documentation of having completed the series of three (3) injections or documentation of immunity by blood test (titer) is acceptable in lieu of vaccine administration dates. For those students who must begin the series, the first dose must be administered prior to the first week of class attendance. Completion of the full series is required by April 1 of the spring semester of the first year (P1).

- **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccination** - All students must provide (a) documentation of two doses of vaccine at least 4 weeks (28 days) apart, (b) documentation of immunity by blood test (titer), or (c) written date of disease (month/year) by physician. If vaccination is required, the first dose must be administered prior to the second week of class attendance.
- **Influenza (flu) Vaccination** - All students are required to provide documentation of immunization of a yearly flu vaccination. Students will be provided information via email when current seasonal flu vaccinations are available. Documentation must be provided by October 1 of each year while enrolled in pharmacy school.
- **COVID-19 Vaccination** - Strongly recommended. Although not required by the university, clinical sites may require this vaccination, and lack of vaccination may delay or prevent clinical placements.
- **Random Urine Drug Screening** - All students enrolled in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy will be subject to random drug urine screening until graduation from the program. The current policies and procedures for random urine drug screening are available in the *Pharmacy Student Handbook*. Fees associated with “for-cause” random urine drug screening are the sole responsibility of the student.
- **Criminal Background Checks** - All students are required to complete a criminal background check as part of the admissions process and periodically during their training. Criminal violations or failure to submit to background checks required by the experiential office may prevent enrollment in or result in suspension from the program. Fees associated with “for-cause” criminal background checks are the sole responsibility of the student. Criminal background check “rechecks” will be conducted prior to enrollment in PHAR 430 and prior to the P4 year.
- **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Training** - All students enrolled in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy will be required to complete an online training program for protection of patient-sensitive health information as required by HIPAA. Students will be notified on the first day of class of the details for completion of this training and will be given two weeks from the first day of class to complete this training. Failure to do so will result in being unable to complete required experiential courses and will jeopardize enrollment in the pharmacy school.
- **Blood Borne Pathogen Training** - All students enrolled in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy will be required to complete an online training program for prevention of exposure to blood-borne pathogens as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). This training must be renewed annually throughout the time enrolled in the program.
- **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Training** - All students must keep CPR certification current the entire time while enrolled in pharmacy school beginning in the P1 year. CPR training is received at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy during the spring of the P1 and P3 years and is valid for two (2) years. The student is responsible for providing documentation to the Office of Experiential Education via their account within E*Value and/or site upon request.

Tuition and Financial Aid

Students may apply for federal and private financial aid through the university’s financial aid office. The pharmacy school has additional but limited funds available for loans and scholarships. A number of pharmacy scholarships are available and awarded on the basis of both merit and need.

Students who wish to take non-pharmacy courses (undergraduate or graduate) during the academic year will be required to pay the undergraduate or graduate rate upon enrollment. This fee will be in addition to the normal pharmacy tuition. Students will not be allowed to take courses that interfere with pharmacy coursework.

Student Athletes and ROTC Candidates

The pharmacy school will cooperate with student athletes and ROTC candidates to accommodate scheduling (e.g., labs, makeup exams) to the fullest extent possible. The school cannot, however, alter its program schedule for these students and the pharmacy school schedule takes precedence with any scheduling conflicts.

Resources

RxBenefits Suite - The RxBenefits Suite is a dedicated workspace in the CHS for students to fulfill the required PHAR 640 Population Health Outcomes APPE. Due to confidential and proprietary information used by the APPE students and preceptors, the suite is not generally open to faculty and student use. The suite may be used by faculty and students at designated time periods during the year. The suite can also be reserved upon request when not in use by the PHAR 640 APPE students and preceptors.

Student Electronic Resources - Wireless computer access is available in the pharmacy school and across the university. The university also has several computer labs on campus. In addition, pharmacy students have access to various online major pharmaceutical and medical databases and many electronic reference materials.

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum

The doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) degree at Samford University requires a minimum of six years of college work consistent with the standards set by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Candidates have the option of enrolling in Samford University for the entire program or completing the pre-pharmacy studies elsewhere and then completing the professional curriculum at Samford. Pre-pharmacy courses equivalent to those listed in the program table may be completed at any regionally accredited junior or community college, or any regionally accredited four-year college or university. Students entering Samford University as freshmen and intending to apply to pharmacy school must follow the Samford pre-pharmacy curriculum, which includes the core curriculum courses unique to Samford University. Students enrolling at other institutions and expecting to transfer to Samford should complete the pre-pharmacy curriculum for transfer students. Pre-pharmacy students at other institutions are encouraged to work closely with the pre-pharmacy or health sciences advisor to ensure that the courses they take are consistent with the pre-pharmacy curriculum. Students are encouraged to

contact the director of pharmacy admissions for answers to specific questions at (205) 726-4242. It is the student's responsibility to satisfy all prerequisite coursework requirements.

The pre-pharmacy curriculum includes courses in the arts, humanities, and sciences in order to provide students with a well-rounded liberal arts education. All pre-pharmacy courses must be satisfied prior to entry into the PharmD program. Students who did not satisfy all courses prior to matriculating into the PharmD program may have their acceptance deferred until the courses are satisfied or this situation is addressed on a case-by-case basis by the school's office of academic affairs and office of student affairs. Math and science courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher. All other prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or higher. Applicants holding a BS or BA degree, and who have completed all mathematics and science requirements in the pre-pharmacy curriculum, shall only be required to satisfy the speech and calculus or statistics requirement.

Incoming undergraduate transfer students must have a minimum total cumulative GPA of 3.00 to be eligible to declare pre-pharmacy as the plan of study. Incoming undergraduate transfer students with a total cumulative GPA below 3.00 may request to change into pre-pharmacy after two semesters of coursework at Samford if the student has earned an overall minimum GPA and math/science GPA of 3.00 for the Samford coursework.

Applicants are welcome to visit the school while their applications are under consideration.

Early Assurance Fast-Track

Students planning to attend or currently enrolled in the fall semester of the freshman year at Samford University, or any accredited two-year or four-year institution, can apply to McWhorter School of Pharmacy's Early Assurance Fast-Track program. Qualifying students will be invited to interview for the doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program either as a high school senior or in the freshman fall semester and will be notified of acceptance within a week of the interview. If these students meet all progression standards throughout the two-year pre-pharmacy coursework, they are guaranteed a seat in the first-year cohort.

Entering Requirements:

- Enroll in Samford or other two-year or four-year college or university as a first time, full-time freshman or be enrolled as a college freshman in the fall semester.
- Must have a minimum 3.50 GPA (high school) and a minimum 3.40 "Prepharmacy Prep Courses" GPA at the time of application.
 - Courses included in this "Prepharmacy Prep Courses" GPA calculation are biology, chemistry, algebra 1, algebra 2, geometry, precalculus, and calculus.
 - Applicants must have completed five of the seven courses listed above to be considered for early assurance.
- Provide two letters of reference, one academic and one non-academic. To be invited for an interview, at least one letter must be received with the EAP application (if applying to Samford, this can be the letter of reference accompanying the Samford application). If accepted into the EAP, the other letter can be submitted at any point prior to March 1 of the PharmD application cycle. The academic letter should be from a teacher who has instructed the student and the other can either be from the high school advisor/guidance counselor, a pharmacist, or anyone who can speak to the potential professionalism and character of the applicant. Letters are submitted either through Slate or the PharmCAS system. Letters from family members will not be accepted.
- Completion of the school's writing assessment for applicants.
- Successful interview by the School's Admission Committee. Following the interview, the Admissions Committee will make a decision for each applicant regarding an Early Assurance Program (EAP) admission to doctor of pharmacy program.

Benchmarks once enrolled at Samford:

- Achieve a 3.00 overall and math/science GPA each semester prior to enrollment at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy.
- Complete all University Core and science courses at Samford. *
- Enrollment in FOUN 102 (Vocations Exploration in Pharmacy).
- All prerequisite courses to be completed in two (2) academic years. *
- Not found responsible for any campus values or other conduct violations.
- Active participation in Samford's Pre-Pharmacy Club and specific EAP events each semester.
- If both letters of recommendation were not submitted with original EAP application, a positive/supportive letter of recommendation matching the category not previously submitted with the EAP application would be required no later than March 1 of the PharmD entry application cycle.

Benchmarks once enrolled at other fully accredited colleges/universities:

- Achieve a 3.00 overall and math/science GPA each semester prior to enrollment at the McWhorter School of Pharmacy.
- Complete all specifically identified prerequisite courses at an accredited college or university. *
- Complete all prerequisite courses in two (2) academic years. *
- Have no disciplinary actions taken by their undergraduate college/university during enrollment.
- Actively participate in the college/university's Pre-Pharmacy Club (or equivalent).
- If both letters of recommendation were not submitted with original EAP application, a positive/supportive letter of recommendation matching the category not previously submitted with the EAP application would be required no later than March 1 of the PharmD entry application cycle.

*Waivers may be considered on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances.

Traditional Fast-Track Program

McWhorter School of Pharmacy's Traditional Fast-Track program is for students who complete two years of the pre-pharmacy curriculum at Samford. During their sophomore year, students then apply and interview for the doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) program.

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Samford Students (NPU)*

Fall Semester I: 17-18 Credits

- BIOL 101 & BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
- CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- FOUN 101 - Foundations (1) *(not required but highly recommended)*

Spring Semester I: 15-16 Credits

- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)
- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- FOUN 102 - Vocation Exploration (1) *(required for EAP; not required for others but highly recommended)*

Fall Semester II: 18 Credits

- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 310 - Organic Chemistry I (3)
- CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4) *or* MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)

Spring Semester II: 16 Credits

- BIOL 225 & BIOL 226 - Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences & Lab (3,1) *or* BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4) *or* HIIM 201 - (Pharmacology, Diseases, and Conditions for Healthcare Professionals) (4) *
- CHEM 312 - Organic Chemistry II (3)
- CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- Social Science Selective - Various Disciplines (4) **

Total Required Credits: 66-68

*Additional biology selective course options: Animal Physiology (BIOL 302 equiv), Genetics (BIOL 333), Immunology (BIOL 344), Biochemistry (CHEM 350), Cell Biology (BIOL 405 equiv), Molecular Biology (BIOL 405 equiv), Pathophysiology (BIOL 425 equiv), Genomic Biology, Cell and Molecular Signal Transduction, Endocrinology, Introduction to Pharmacology.

**Social Science selective course options: Psychology (PSYC 101), Sociology (SOCI 100), Political Science, Geography, or Economics.

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum-Undeclared for Transfer Students (NPU)

Humanities: 12 Credits

- English Composition (6)
- English or American Literature (3)
- Religion, New or Old Testament (3) *

Natural and Applied Sciences: 40 Credits

- Precalculus (4) **
- Mathematics Selective (Calculus I or Statistics) (4) **
- Human Anatomy and Physiology (8) **
- Principles of Biology with Lab (4)
- Biology Selective (Foundations of Biology or Microbiology) (4) **
- Foundations of Chemistry (8)
- Organic Chemistry (8)

Social Sciences: 3 Credits

- Social Science Selective (3) **

Physical Activity: 2 Credits

- Health and Wellness/Prevention course (2)

Other Disciplines: 9 Credits

- Other Disciplines (9) ***

Total Required Credits: 66

*For students transferring more than 30 hours/credits, a religion course is not required. However, religion course credit may be applied to the "Other Disciplines" requirement.

** A prerequisite course may be required by some colleges.

*** Credits may vary.

NOTE 1: The remaining credits may be chosen from biblical and religious studies, economics, English literature, foreign languages, geography, history, philosophy, political science, psychology, and sociology.

NOTE 2: Additional biology selective course options: Animal Physiology (BIOL 302 equiv), Genetics (BIOL 333), Immunology (BIOL 344), Biochemistry (CHEM 350), Cell Biology (BIOL 405 equiv), Molecular Biology (BIOL 405 equiv), Pathophysiology (BIOL 425 equiv), Genomic Biology, Cell and Molecular Signal Transduction, Endocrinology, Introduction to Pharmacology, HIIM 201 (Pharmacology, Diseases, and Conditions for Healthcare Professionals).

NOTE 3: Social Science selective course options: Psychology (PSYC 101), Sociology (SOCI 100), Political Science, Geography, or Economics.

Pharmacy Studies Major (BS)

The bachelor of science in pharmacy studies is designed to provide doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) students (who have no prior degree) the opportunity to pursue other degree programs during or after completing the PharmD degree. Pharmacy students completing the second year of the professional PharmD program will be awarded this degree (regardless of graduating from the PharmD program). A student must complete the University Convocation credit requirements to be eligible to receive this degree. Please refer to samford.edu/spiritual-life/convocation for more information. All students are required to participate in commencement activities. Please note that this bachelor's degree alone does not qualify a person to take the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX).

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum: 66-68 Credits

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum for Samford Students (see prior page): 66 Credits

OR

Pre-Pharmacy Curriculum for Transfer Students (see prior page): 66-68 Credits

Pharmacy Studies Major: 69 Credits

Fall, First Professional Year (Junior): 16 Credits

- PHAR 303 - Drug Delivery Systems I (2)
- PHAR 304 - Foundations of Health and Pharmacy I (3)
- PHAR 306 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences I (3)
- PHAR 307 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences II (3)
- PHAR 308 - Pharmacist Patient Assessment (1)
- PHAR 309 - Pharmaceutical Calculations (2)
- PHAR 320 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab I (2)

Spring, First Professional Year (Junior): 18 Credits

- PHAR 313 - Drug Delivery Systems II (3)
- PHAR 314 - Introduction to Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy (3)
- PHAR 315 - Introduction to Applied Pharmacy Research and Service (1)
- PHAR 316 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences III (3)
- PHAR 317 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences IV (3)
- PHAR 319 - Foundations of Health and Pharmacy II (3)
- PHAR 321 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab II (2)

Summer, First Professional Year (Junior): 3 Credits

- PHAR 330 - Community Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) (3) *

First Professional Year, Total Required Credits: 37

Fall, Second Professional Year (Senior): 15 Credits

- PHAR 402 - Applied Biostats and Drug Literature Evaluation (1)
- PHAR 403 - Pharmacy Informatics (1)
- PHAR 404 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy I (4)
- PHAR 405 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy II (4)
- PHAR 406 - Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacogenomics (3)
- PHAR 420 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab III (2)

Spring, Second Professional Year (Senior): 17 Credits

- PHAR 414 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy III (4)
- PHAR 415 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy IV (4)
- PHAR 416 - Professional Development and Wellness (2)
- PHAR 417 - Pharmacy Financial Management and Pharmacoeconomics (2)
- PHAR 418 - Ethics in Healthcare and Christianity (2)
- PHAR 419 - Sterile Products (1)
- PHAR 421 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab IV (2)

Second Professional Year, Total Required Credits: 32

Total Required Credits: 135-137

*Students will complete a three-week, 40-hour rotation per week starting mid-May.

School of Public Health

Academic Administration

Suresh T. Mathews, Interim Dean; Professor, Nutrition and Dietetics

Students within the School of Public Health pursue a variety of disciplines focused on the prevention of disease and the promotion of improved health among entire communities and populations. Majors within the School of Public Health are inherently interdisciplinary, with teams of professionals working together to solve some of society's most complex challenges. The school includes the Department of Healthcare Administration and Informatics, the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Social Work.

The School currently offers baccalaureate degrees in culinary and wellness nutrition management, healthcare administration, nutrition and dietetics, and public health. At the graduate-level, the School offers a master of healthcare administration, a master of public health, a master of science degree in nutrition, a master of science in health informatics and analytics, a master of social work, and a doctor of public health. Fast-track versions of the master of healthcare administration, the master of public health, and the master of social work are also available.

Faith, health and service are at the core of the School of Public Health, making graduates uniquely prepared to pursue a variety of careers. Regardless of major, students will graduate prepared to pursue their calling as a health care advocate or researcher in the private or public sector, armed with the expertise and practical knowledge required to significantly impact our world.

Healthcare Administration and Informatics

Faculty

Carol J. Ratcliffe, Chair, Professor; Interim Director, Healthcare Administration Undergraduate Program;

Interim Director, Health Informatics and Analytics Graduate Program

Lakesha Kinnerson, Assistant Professor

Dennis O. McCay, Assistant Professor

Mission

The mission of the Department of Healthcare Administration and Informatics is to prepare service-minded leaders and health professionals in a Christ-centered environment through competency-based, interprofessional education that is committed to excellence.

The mission of the **Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration** program is to train service-minded leaders who have a broad perspective by providing a foundation in healthcare executive competencies through an inter-professional curriculum for entry-level management positions.

Vision

We aspire to prepare influential and visionary healthcare professionals who make a positive impact on their communities.

Values

Samford's Department of Healthcare Administration and Informatics considers the following values central to its success:

- **Christian-Based Education:** We are committed to integrating our Christian faith and beliefs in our delivery of healthcare administration and health informatics education.
- **Excellence:** We pursue excellence within the department through opportunities for achievement in scholarship, service and research.
- **Practice-Readiness:** We are committed to preparing students who are ready to practice upon graduation.
- **Respect for Diversity:** We are committed to respecting the differences in others by learning to appreciate the different cultures of the populations that we serve.
- **Integrity:** We are committed to operating in an environment that values honesty, fairness and the highest ethical standards to sustain a community of trust.
- **Empowerment:** We encourage personal accountability for success through shared governance in academic pursuits.

Certification

The bachelor of science in healthcare administration program is certified by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Healthcare Administration Major (BS)

Minors

Health Informatics and Analytics Minor

Healthcare Administration Minor

Healthcare Compliance Minor*

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast Track Master of Healthcare Administration (BS/MHCA) with a BS in Healthcare Administration

The Department of Healthcare Administration and Informatics offers a major in healthcare administration leading to a bachelor of science degree (BS).

The department also offers a fast-track version for students pursuing both the bachelor's degree and the master of healthcare administration (MHCA). With the fast-track option, undergraduate students have the opportunity to earn their BS and master's degree in just five years of study.

The department also offers minors in health informatics and analytics and healthcare administration.

*IMPORTANT NOTE: This program is under review and subject to change/closure/replacement. It is currently closed to new admits.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Healthcare Administration (BS)

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75.

Progression Policies

In order to progress in the healthcare administration program, students must abide by the degree-specific progression policies. Students who fail to meet the requirements of the progression policy will be placed on probation or terminated from the program.

Students must:

1. Have a completed Health Data Record (with all required immunizations) according to university policy and prior to beginning the HCAD Internship course.
2. Test negative on drug screens and pass background checks.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above on the last 60 hours of coursework. Students who fall below the minimum GPA requirement will be placed on probation for one academic semester to remediate any coursework and/or return to good academic standing. The summer semester does not count against the student but may be used to take coursework to increase the overall GPA.
4. Make a grade of C or better in each required major course. Note: A grade of C- or lower constitutes a failure in all required HCAD program courses. The curriculum is an interprofessional model and required program courses begin with the prefix HCAD, HIIM, PHLT, ACCT, and ECON for the program majors and minors.
5. A student will be allowed to take a failed program major course only one additional time.
6. A student who fails (C- or lower) the same program major course will be terminated from the program.

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Healthcare Administration (BS/MHCA)

Admission Requirements

Students must apply for the fast-track program in the spring of their freshman year. Applications are accepted from students who have an exceptionally high school GPA, ACT score, and freshman-year GPA. Accepted students will be required to maintain a certain GPA to remain in the program. Students who are accepted into the program begin graduate coursework in the fourth year of study and complete both degrees in five (5) years. Students may earn up to 18 graduate hours that will count toward completing the baccalaureate degree.

Specific Admission Requirements:

- High school GPA of 3.50 or higher.
- Earned a minimum of 3.50 cumulative GPA on all work done at Samford University.
- ACT score of 26 or higher.
- Three letters of reference (at least two from faculty members at Samford University).

Application Process:

- Submit an application in the spring of the freshman year.
- Faculty interview.

Progression Policies

1. Students granted admission into the Fast-Track Master of Healthcare Administration program must maintain a minimum GPA to remain in the program and enroll in graduate courses in the fourth year.
 - a. GPA of 3.40 after 65 semester hours (end of sophomore year)
 - b. GPA of 3.30 after 101 semester hours (end of junior year)
2. Students must make at least a B or better in the first semester of all graduate course work.
7. Make a grade of C or better in each required HCAD course. Note: A grade of C- or lower constitutes a failure in all required HCAD courses. The curriculum is an interprofessional model and required program courses begin with the prefix HCAD, HIIM, PHLT, ACCT, and ECON for the program majors and minors.
3. A student will be allowed to take a failed HCAD course only one additional time.
4. Students who fail to meet the progression requirements for either fast-track program will be converted to the bachelor's program only, if the student chooses to remain in the program and has not been otherwise terminated from it.

Healthcare Administration Major (BS)

The bachelor of science (BS) in healthcare administration is focused on developing leaders who are prepared to immediately enter the workforce or pursue a graduate degree. Students will engage in interprofessional activities, service opportunities, professional networking, and internship experiences. Using an innovative and dynamic curriculum, faculty equip students with competencies in communication and relationship management, leadership, professionalism, knowledge of the healthcare system, and business knowledge and skills. As a part of the curriculum, students are required to complete two internship placements, totaling at least 240 hours. The degree allows graduates to join the workforce in many different areas, including hospitals, medical group practices, public health departments, consulting firms, insurance and sales agencies, and government entities.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 20 credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8 total):
 - Any Biology with lab from the Gen Ed List (4)
 - One additional Natural/Comp Science (4)
- Social Sciences: ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- Mathematics (4)
- Humanities (4)

Healthcare Administration Major: 65 Credits

Healthcare Administration Core: 59 Credits

- FOUN 101 - Foundations (1) *
- HCAD 101 - Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Administration (1)
- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- HCAD 303 - Healthcare Marketing and Strategy (3)
- HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3) *
- HCAD 401 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)
- HCAD 402 - Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)
- HCAD 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HCAD 421 - Healthcare Administration Internship (3-6) ***
- HCAD 422 - Healthcare Administration Capstone (3) ****
- HCAD 424 - Health Policy and Politics (3)
- HIIM 201 - Pharmacology, Diseases, & Conditions for Healthcare Professionals (3) **
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3) **
- HIIM 407 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3) **
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- PHLT 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

Accounting: 6 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)

General Electives: 21 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

*FOUN 101 is required for incoming freshmen who have declared HCAD as their major. Students transferring to HCAD after the fall of their freshman year should work with their advisor to make up the one credit.

**Course required for the Health Informatics & Analytics minor. This minor is not required but is popular with HCAD majors. HIIM 201, HIIM 304, and HIIM 407 are required for this major.

***Internship requires coordination with the program director. Six credit hours of HCAD 421 are required to graduate. Students can take HCAD 421 beginning the summer after their junior year. Only 3 credits hours of HCAD 421 can be taken in any given semester.

****Capstone must be taken spring of senior year.

Health Informatics and Analytics Minor

The health informatics and analytics minor provides students with an introduction to the field of health informatics and analytics. Students minoring in health informatics and analytics will gain knowledge of legal, administrative, regulatory requirements, use of health data in decision-making, and healthcare data mining and analytics. Health informatics, clinical and health information technologies, data management, and health care quality will also be explored.

The minor is open to all Samford University students and is a compliment to any undergraduate major. Students planning to pursue graduate degrees in health informatics and analytics, healthcare administration, public health, nutrition, social work, business, and law will have a unique understanding of the role of health data in decision-making, improving health outcomes, and medico-legal situations.

Health Informatics and Analytics Minor: 18 Credits

Health Informatics and Analytics: 18 Credits

- HIIM 201 - Pharmacology, Diseases, and Conditions for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HIIM 305 - Clinical Terminology Systems (3)
- HIIM 401 - Introduction to Health Analytics (3)
- HIIM 402 - Health Data Mining and Analytics (3)
- HIIM 407 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3)

Total Required Credits: 18

NOTE 1: Students may transfer up to 9 credits from major course requirements for the above courses.

NOTE 2: The following courses are cross listed: HIIM 407 w/HCAD 404

Healthcare Administration Minor

The healthcare administration minor is designed to provide fundamental healthcare executive knowledge and competency from the sophomore year culminating in the senior year. Healthcare administration allows individuals the flexibility to explore their true passion and area of excellence while being gainfully employed. Students must make a grade of C or better in each required HCAD course.

Healthcare Administration Minor: 18 Credits

Healthcare Administration: 18 Credits

- HCAD 301 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)
- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3) *
- HCAD 401 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)
- HCAD 402 - Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)
- HCAD 404 - Healthcare Quality (3)

Total Required Credits: 18

*Prereq for HCAD 325 is HCAD 302.

NOTE: The following courses are cross listed: HCAD 301 w/HIIM 311 & PHLT 311; HCAD 302 w/HIIM 302; HCAD 404 w/HIIM 407

Fast-Track Master of Healthcare Administration (BS/MHCA)

The fast-track master of healthcare administration program (BS/MHCA) is ideal for students who know early on in their academic career that they have a calling to be the next generation of leaders of healthcare systems and organizations. Students apply for the program at the end of their freshman year. The first three years of the fast-track program are dedicated to completing all required undergraduate healthcare administration courses. In addition to both undergraduate internship courses, students begin the regular plan of study for the MHCA during the fall of their senior year of undergraduate studies.

Upon completion of degree requirements, they will be awarded both the BS in healthcare administration and master of healthcare administration degrees. Students in the accelerated program will be required to complete three internship placements, totaling at least 360 hours of field experience to complete both degree requirements. Admission to this program is competitive and requires application in the spring semester of the student's freshman year. Participation in this program requires careful advisement and scheduling.

Undergraduate Courses (BS in Healthcare Admin): 110 Credits

Year 1, Fall: 18 Credits

- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- FOUN 101 - Foundations (1) *
- Any Gen Ed Math Course (4)
- HIIM 201 - Pharmacology, Diseases, & Conditions for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Year 1, Spring: 17 Credits

- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- Any Gen Ed Biology with lab (4)
- Any Gen Ed Humanities Course (4)
- HCAD 101 - Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Administration (1)

Year 2, Fall: 17 Credits

- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- HCAD 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- HCAD 301 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

Year 2, Spring: 16 Credits

- ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)
- ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
- HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)

Year 3, Fall: 18 Credits

- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- HCAD 401 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)
- HCAD 402 - Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HIIM 407 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)

Year 3, Spring: 18 Credits

- HCAD 303 - Healthcare Marketing and Strategy (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)
- HCAD 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HCAD 422 - Healthcare Administration Capstone (3) **
- HCAD 424 - Health Policy and Politics (3)
- General Elective (3)

Graduate Courses (Master of Healthcare Admin): 48 Credits

Year 4, Fall: 12 Credits

- HCAD 421 - Healthcare Administration Internship (3)
- MHCA 500 - Healthcare Systems (3)
- MHCA 522 - Healthcare Leadership and Professionalism (3)
- MHCA 603 - Healthcare Management (3)

Year 4, Spring: 12 Credits

- HCAD 421 - Healthcare Administration Internship (3)
- MHCA 510 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)
- MHCA 511 - Healthcare Policy and Law (3)
- MHCA 512 - Healthcare Economics (3)

Year 4, Summer: 12 Credits

- MHCA 501 - Healthcare Statistics and Research Methods (3)
- MHCA 502 - Healthcare Information and Informatics Management (3)
- MHCA 520 - Healthcare Project Management (3)
- MHCA 621 - Healthcare Human Resource Management (3)

Year 5, Fall: 9 Credits

- MHCA 600 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3)
- MHCA 601 - Healthcare Ethics (3)
- MHCA 602 - Healthcare Org Dynamics and Governance (3)

Year 5, Spring: 9 Credits

- MHCA 610 - Healthcare Strategic Management and Marketing (3)
- MHCA 611 - Healthcare Admin Graduate Capstone (3)
- MHCA 612 - Healthcare Admin Graduate Internship (3)

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for graduate MHCA courses as well as acceptable substitutions for selected courses.

Total Required Credits: 158

*FOUN 101 is required for incoming freshmen who have declared HCAD as their major. Students transferring to HCAD after the fall of their freshman year should work with their advisor to make up the one credit.

**Capstone must be taken in the spring of junior year.

***Course requires coordination with the program director. Six credit hours of HCAD 421 are required to graduate.

****Grad level courses to be determined by student's advisor and program director.

Healthcare Compliance Minor

IMPORTANT NOTE: Program is under review and subject to change/closure/replacement. Program is closed to new admits.

The healthcare compliance minor provides students with an overview of the field of healthcare compliance. Healthcare compliance requires knowledge of laws, regulations, and standards relating to corporate governance, fraud and abuse, privacy and security, occupational health and safety, and billing and coding practices, among others. Students minoring in healthcare compliance will gain competencies in developing and maintaining appropriate protocols to prevent and respond to compliance issues that can arise in healthcare settings.

Healthcare Compliance: 21 Credits

- HCAD 301 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)
- HCAD 305 - Health Information Privacy and Security (3)
- HCAD 323 - Ethical Decision Making for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HCAD 324 - Regulatory Environment of Healthcare Compliance (3)
- HCAD 404 - Healthcare Quality (3)
- HCAD 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HCAD 423 - Practicing Healthcare Compliance (3)

Total Required Credits: 21

NOTE: The following courses are cross-listed:

HCAD 301 w/HIIM 311 and PHLT 311; HCAD 404 w/HIIM 407

Nutrition and Dietetics

Faculty

Suresh T. Mathews, Chair; Professor
Emily Bourne, Assistant Professor
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Mission

The mission of the Samford University Department of Nutrition and Dietetics is to provide a comprehensive study of all areas of food, nutrition, and dietetics. The culinary and wellness nutrition management major, nutrition and dietetics major, dietetic internship, and master of science in nutrition programs all offer students the opportunity to pursue knowledge and competency in a distinctive Christian environment. Faculty are committed to preparing graduates who are well-informed, scientifically and empirically competent, and ethically responsible. Graduates are capable of entering successful careers in foods, nutrition, dietetics, and healthcare, while contributing to the needs of their community and society at large.

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management Major (BS)
Nutrition and Dietetics Major (BS)

Minor

Nutrition Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast Track Master of Science in Nutrition w/a concentration in Dietetics (BS/MS) with a BS in Nutrition and Dietetics

The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics (NUTR) offers majors in culinary and wellness nutrition management, and nutrition and dietetics, both leading to a bachelor of science degree. Additionally, the culinary and wellness nutrition management major requires a 20-credit minor or cognate from outside the department. The department also offers a minor in nutrition.

The department also offers a fast-track version for students pursuing both the bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics and the master of science in nutrition with a concentration in dietetics (MS). With the fast-track option, undergraduate students have the opportunity to earn their BS and master's degrees in just five years of study.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management Major (BS)

This degree combines skills in culinary arts and wellness nutrition management. In addition to academic coursework, students have opportunities for hands-on food and science labs, research, and directed practicum experience. Students will be highly encouraged to volunteer, engage in service-based learning activities, and seek work experience in their chosen field. This degree meets the needs for non-dietetic nutritionists who wish to pursue culinary and wellness nutrition careers with competitive knowledge, skills, and experience.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 20 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (5 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4) & CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- Social Sciences (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 150 - Precalculus (4) or higher course
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Culinary and Wellness Nutrition Management Major: 66 Credits

Nutrition and Dietetics Core: 25 Credits

- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
- NUTR 210 - Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics (2)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 371 - Directed Professional Practicum (2-12) (*take for 2 credits*)
- NUTR 420 - Nutrition Science Communication (3)
- NUTR 498 - Research Methods in Nutrition (2)
- NUTR 499 - Senior Seminar in Nutrition (2)

Culinary: 16 Credits

- NUTR 110 - Principles of Food Preparation (4)
- NUTR 305 - Introduction to Culinary Medicine/Nutrition (4)

- NUTR 312 - Food, Culture, and Society (4)
- NUTR 414 - Experimental Foods (4)

Wellness: 11 Credits

- KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)
- KINE 477 - Sports Nutrition (4)
- NUTR 350 - Community Nutrition (3)

Business Management: 14 Credits

- ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)
- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- NUTR 370 - Professional Issues in Nutrition (1)
- NUTR 412 - Quantity Food Production and Management (4)
- NUTR 413 - Food Service Organization and Management (3)

Required Minor or Cognate: 20 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Nutrition and Dietetics Major (BS)

Dietetics is a dynamic profession offering many different opportunities for practice. Today's dietetic professionals pursue careers in health care, education, and research. They work in business, industry, public relations, and mass media. Their services are also used in government agencies, restaurant management, corporate and sports wellness programs, food companies, and private practice. The Samford Didactic Program in Dietetics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Students seeking a degree in nutrition and dietetics will be reviewed before their junior year (upon completion of 60 credits of college work) to assess course progression and GPA. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 to 3.00 is recommended to continue since entrance into a dietetic internship following graduation usually requires a 3.00 GPA. Students transferring into the program will be evaluated on their SAT/ACT score, as well as their cumulative GPA.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 16 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (5 total):
 - CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
 - CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- Social Sciences: PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Mathematics: MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) or SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)

Nutrition and Dietetics Major: 79-80 Credits

Nutrition and Dietetics Core: 53 Credits

- NUTR 110 - Principles of Food Preparation (4)
- NUTR 210 - Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics (2)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- NUTR 305 - Introduction to Culinary Medicine/Nutrition (4)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 312 - Food, Culture, and Society (4)
- NUTR 350 - Community Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 370 - Professional Issues in Nutrition (1)
- NUTR 371 - Directed Professional Practicum (2-12) (*take for 2 credits*)
- NUTR 401 - Nutrition Care Process (3)
- NUTR 408 - Clinical Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 412 - Quantity Food Production and Management (4)
- NUTR 413 - Food Service Organization and Management (3)
- NUTR 414 - Experimental Foods (4)
- NUTR 415 - Advanced Nutrition I: Macronutrients (3)
- NUTR 416 - Advanced Nutrition II: Micronutrients (3)
- NUTR 498 - Research Methods in Nutrition (2)
- NUTR 499 - Senior Seminar in Nutrition (2)

Biology and Chemistry: 19 Credits

- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- BIOL 221 & BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I & Lab (3,1)
- BIOL 223 & BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II & Lab (3,1)
- CHEM 215 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory (1)
- CHEM 345 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3)

Economics and Mathematics: 7-8 Credits

- HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)
- MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4) *or*
 - NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3)

General Electives: 10-11 Credits

Total Required Credits: 128

Nutrition Minor

The nutrition minor is designed to provide evidence-based nutrition information to a broad student audience to enhance students' knowledge of nutrition and provide a nutrition foundation to benefit their future careers. The nutrition minor requires completion of a required nutrition core of 13 credit hours and 7-8 credit hours of nutrition electives based on student interest in areas of nutrition, for a total of 20 credit hours. Some courses are available online to help facilitate student scheduling needs.

Nutrition Minor: 20 Credits

Nutrition Core: 13 Credits

- NUTR 110 - Principles of Food Preparation (4)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 350 - Community Nutrition (3)

Nutrition Electives: 7-8 Credits (*choose two courses*)

- KINE 477 - Sports Nutrition (4)
- NUTR 305 - Introduction to Culinary Medicine/Nutrition (4)
- NUTR 312 - Food, Culture, and Society (4)
- NUTR 414 - Experimental Foods (4)
- NUTR 420 - Nutrition Science Communication (3)

Total Required Credits: 20

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Science in Nutrition with a Concentration in Dietetics with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics (BS/MS)

Admission Requirements

Students seeking admission to this accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program must be:

- Enrolled in the BS in nutrition and dietetics major
- Have a documented approval form from their advisor
- Be in good academic standing with a 3.00 cumulative GPA

Progression Policies

Completion Requirements for the master of science in nutrition with a concentration in dietetics:

- Completion of required academic coursework and 1,000 hours of experiential learning within 150% of the two-year program length (3 years).
- Documentation of satisfactory performance in all supervised experiential learning (SEL) experiences and associated assignments. Satisfactory performance corresponds to a rating of "average" or 3 on a 5-point scale.
 - Evaluation scale: 1 = Unsatisfactory, requires remediation; 2 = Below Average, requires remediation; 3 = Average; 4 = Above Average; 5 = Superior.
- Achievement of 83% (a B in Samford's Letter Grading System policy, see Graduate Course Catalog) or higher in all didactic courses and a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher (this includes both didactic and experiential learning courses).
- Adherence to all behavioral and academic integrity standards as outlined in the Academy's Code of Ethics and Scope and Standards of Practice for RDNs and the Samford University policy on academic integrity.

Master of Science and Verification Statement: Upon fulfilling the Samford Graduation Requirements and meeting the Completion Requirements of the MS dietetics concentration, students will be granted their degrees. The program director will submit Verification Statements and necessary information to the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) to confirm eligibility for the Registered Examination for Dietitians. Subsequently, the program director will present students with copies of the Verification Statement for use in state licensure applications and as evidence of eligibility for potential employers.

Time-to-Degree Completion

It is estimated that completion of the entire fast-track program – undergraduate and graduate portions – can be done in five years.

Fast-Track Master of Science in Nutrition, w/Dietetics Concentration, w/BS in Nutrition & Dietetics (BS/MS)

This is an accelerated bachelor-to-graduate pathway program (aka 3+2 fast track) leading to a bachelor of science (BS) in nutrition and dietetics initially, but ultimately to a master of science degree (MS) in nutrition with a concentration in dietetics. This program is only available to students enrolled as undergraduates pursuing the nutrition and dietetics major and is designed to allow students to earn both the BS in nutrition and dietetics and MS in nutrition with a concentration in dietetics degrees in a total of five years.

Undergraduate Courses (BS in Nutrition & Dietetics): 106 Credits

Year 1, Fall: 18 Credits

- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)
- NUTR 110 - Principles of Food Preparation (4)
- NUTR 210 - Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics (2)

Year 1, Spring: 18 Credits

- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- BIOL 221 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Science I (3)
- BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I Lab (1)
- HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)
- NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)

Year 2, Fall: 18 Credits

- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- BIOL 223 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II (3)
- BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II Lab (1)
- CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)
- CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)
- MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)
- NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)

Year 2, Spring: 18 Credits

- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- CHEM 215 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3)
- CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory (1)
- NUTR 350 - Community Nutrition (3)
- PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)
- Elective (3)

Year 3, Fall: 16 Credits

- CHEM 345 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3)
- NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3)
- NUTR 412 - Quantity Food Production and Management (4)
- NUTR 415 - Advanced Nutrition I: Macronutrients (3)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) or SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)

Year 3, Spring: 16 Credits

- NUTR 312 - Food, Culture, and Society (4)
- NUTR 370 - Professional Issues in Nutrition (1)
- NUTR 371 - Directed Professional Practicum (2-12)
- NUTR 414 - Experimental Foods (4)
- NUTR 416 - Advanced Nutrition II: Micronutrients (3)
- NUTR 498 - Research Methods in Nutrition (2)

Graduate Courses (Master of Science): 48 Credits

Year 4, Fall: 12 Credits

- NUTR 499 - Senior Seminar in Nutrition (2)
- NUTR 501 - Nutrition Care Process (3)
- NUTR 513 - Food Service Organization & Management (3)
- NUTR 600 - Advanced Nutrition & Metabolism (3)

Year 4, Spring: 15 Credits

- NUTR 502 - Public Health Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 511 - Supervised Experiential Learning in Nutrition Practice (3)
- NUTR 601 - Clinical Nutrition 1 (3)
- NUTR 611 - Research Methods/Applications (3)

Year 4, Summer: 6 Credits

- NUTR 511 - Supervised Experiential Learning in Nutrition Practice (3)
- NUTR 514 - Culinary Science (5-week) (3)
- Directed Elective (3)

Year 5, Fall: 12 Credits

- NUTR 511 - Supervised Experiential Learning in Nutrition Practice (3)
- NUTR 602 - Nutrition Seminar (3)
- NUTR 614 - Clinical Nutrition 2 (3)
- MHCA 603 - Healthcare Management (3)

Year 5, Spring: 12 Credits

- NUTR 509 - Professional Development in Dietetics (3)
- NUTR 610 - Capstone Project in Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 612 - Pediatric Nutrition (3)
- NUTR 613 - Nutrition in the Older Adult (3)

See the 2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog for course descriptions for NUTR/MHCA courses.

Total Required Credits: 154

Public Health

Faculty

Monique Ahinee Amamoo, Interim Chair, Professor; Director, Graduate Program
Rachel E. Bailey, Associate Professor; Director, Experiential Learning
Kimberly Davey, Associate Professor; Director, Undergraduate Program

Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Major

Public Health Major (BS)

Minor

Public Health Minor

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Program

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (BS/MPH) with a BS in Public Health
Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BS/MSW) with a BS in Public Health

The Department of Public Health offers a major in public health, leading to a bachelor of science degree. Fast-track versions are also available for students pursuing the bachelor of science in public health with the master of public health or with the master of social work. The department also offers a minor in public health.

General Education: University Core Curriculum and Distribution Requirements

General Education Distribution Requirements are noted in the individual degree tables. In those cases where a requirement is not specified, see General Education Overview in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences introductory pages for a list of required and applicable courses.

Public Health (BS)

Admission Requirements

Students interested in transferring into the program must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75, meet with the undergraduate program director, and meet with the academic advisor before declaring the major. Students transferring into the program who do not meet the minimum GPA of 2.75 will be placed on probation.

Progression Policies

In order to progress in the public health program, students must:

1. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above on all course work.
 2. Make a grade of C or better in each required public health course. If a student fails to earn a grade of C or better, the student must take the same course again and earn a grade of C or better to remain in the program. Students who fail to earn a grade of C or better after two course attempts in any required public health course will be dismissed from the program.
 3. Students who fall below the minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 will be placed on probation for the next academic semester. Students must bring their GPA to 2.75 or above during that semester of academic probation or they will be dismissed from the program.
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Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (BS/MPH)

Undergraduate students from select undergraduate Samford majors (health sciences, human development and family science, public health, and sociology) are eligible to participate in a fast-track option that allows students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in their selected major and a master of public health (MPH) degree. The length of the fast-track program depends on the undergraduate major students are pursuing. Generally, the first three years are dedicated to completion of all required undergraduate courses. Students then enroll in MPH courses during their senior year of undergraduate study. The MPH courses completed during that year also satisfy general and directed undergraduate elective requirements, allowing students to graduate with a bachelor's degree. Students will seamlessly enter the MPH program and complete the required number of semesters to earn their MPH degree.

Participation in this program requires careful advisement and scheduling as well as permission of both the department chair of the undergraduate major and the chair of the Department of Public Health. Please contact the director of undergraduate programs for more information.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BS/MSW)

This joint degree program will allow students to simultaneously enroll in both the bachelor of science in public health (in their final year) and the master of social work. The joint degree program will prepare students for service in professional positions that require skills and training in both public health and social work. For example, positions that emphasize prevention of health-related problems or access to healthcare may require education in both the public health and social work fields.

Public Health Major (BS)

In an age of rapid changes in knowledge and technologies, public health professionals require a broad education that emphasizes problem-solving skills, critical thinking, interdisciplinary teamwork, and strong communication skills. Our cutting-edge curriculum and stellar faculty prepare you for a career in service to humanity. The bachelor of science (BS) in public health degree program will train students in multidisciplinary approaches to public health practice and research and prepare you for a future in health. The degree will explore both quantitative and qualitative aspects of public health at all levels of analysis. Graduates will advance, through employment or further education, to become the new generation of public health professionals prepared to face the emerging challenges to human health from a population perspective.

The public health major will provide students with a broad and rigorous sequence of courses in public health, including the role and importance of data management and analysis, the skills to identify and address population health concerns, the ability to implement a health project, health communication skills, and an understanding of the health system and how it impacts health. For graduates with this bachelor's degree who wish to enter the job market directly, there is a plethora of opportunities in private and public organizations for entry-level personnel in public health. These include statewide and regional health care agencies (Jefferson County Health Department, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Alabama Department of Public Health), community clinics focusing on preventive health, water and air quality management districts, biomedical companies, health-education institutions, and non-governmental organizations. The plan of study is designed to allow students flexibility to complete the prerequisite courses for any health-related post baccalaureate professional program (e.g., medicine, law, dentistry, physician assistance, environmental management).

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (*two courses*) (8)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Public Health Major: 55 Credits

Public Health Core: 30 Credits

- PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PHLT 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)
- PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3) *or*
 - COMS 349 - Health Communication (4)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- PHLT 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- PHLT 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

Geography, Health Informatics, Healthcare Admin: 13 Credits

- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)

Public Health Electives: 12 Credits

Choose four courses (12 credits) from the following, as directed by the undergraduate program director:

- HCAD 303 - Healthcare Marketing and Strategy (3)
- HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)
- HCAD 401 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)
- HCAD 402 - Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)
- HCAD 404 - Healthcare Quality (3) *or* HIIM 407 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3)
- HCAD 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HCAD 424 - Health Policy and Politics (3)
- HIIM 201 - Pharmacology, Diseases, and Conditions for Healthcare Professionals (3)
- HIIM 300 - Principles of Health Information Management (3)
- HIIM 305 - Clinical Terminology Systems (3)
- PHLT 405 - International Health Field Study (3)
- PHLT 450 - Environmental Community Health Fieldwork Experience (3)

General Electives: 24 Credits (*directed by advisor*)

Total Required Credits: 128

Public Health Minor

The public health minor provides students with an introduction to the field of public health. Public health is focused on improving health through health prevention, promotion, and policymaking. Students minoring in public health will learn how to use a population health approach to explore pressing health issues such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and global epidemics as well as the role of policymaking in addressing such issues locally and globally. Students will also explore the core functions and concepts of public health and the determinants of health. The minor is open to all Samford students and provides a nice compliment to any undergraduate major. Minor coursework is flexible and can be tailored to meet student's interests and professional goals. Students pursuing professional degrees in medicine, biological sciences, environmental sciences, nutrition, business, or public health will have a unique population health understanding of the factors and systems that contribute to health as they apply to competitive professional programs.

Public Health Minor: 21 Credits

Public Health Core: 9 Credits

- PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3) *or*
 - PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)

Public Health Electives: 12 Credits

(choose 12 credits of upper-level PHLT courses)

- PHLT 300-499 (12)

Total Required Credits: 21

Fast-Track Master of Public Health w/BS in Public Health (BS/MPH)

Eligible undergraduate students from selected Samford University majors—including health sciences, human development and family science, public health, and sociology—have the opportunity to engage in an accelerated program leading to both a bachelor's degree in their chosen field and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree. The duration of this accelerated option varies depending on the student's undergraduate major.

Typically, students spend the first three years of their academic journey fulfilling all necessary coursework for their undergraduate degree. In their senior year, students begin taking MPH courses. These courses are strategically designed to count towards both general and directed undergraduate elective requirements, facilitating the simultaneous attainment of a bachelor's degree. Upon completing their undergraduate requirements, students transition smoothly into the MPH program, where they complete the requisite number of semesters to obtain their MPH degree.

Entry into this accelerated program necessitates meticulous planning and scheduling. It also requires the approval of the department chair of the student's undergraduate major and the chair of the Department of Public Health. Students interested in this unique academic pathway are encouraged to reach out to the director of undergraduate programs for further details and guidance.

General Education - University Core Curriculum: 22 Credits

General Education - Distribution Areas: 27 Credits

- Natural and Computational Sciences (8)
- Social Sciences (two courses) (8)
- Mathematics (4)
- Fine Arts: SOA 200 (3) or SOA 210 (3)
- Humanities (4)

Public Health Major: 55 Credits

Public Health Core: 30 Credits

- PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- PHLT 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)
- PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3) *or*
 - COMS 349 - Health Communication (4)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- PHLT 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- PHLT 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

Geography, Health Informatics, Healthcare Admin: 13 Credits

- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)
- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)

Public Health Electives: 12 Credits

Choose four courses (12 credits) from the following, as directed by the undergraduate program director:

- Public Health Electives

General Electives: 24 Credits

(directed by advisor)

- NOTE: May include up to 12 credits of graduate public health courses.

Total Required Credits (BS Degree): 128

Graduate Courses (Master of Public Health): 42 Credits

Year 1, Spring: Graduate Public Health: 12 Credits

- PHLT 509 - Cultural Dimensions of Health (3)
- PHLT 533 - Communication Skills for the Health Professional (3)
- Directed Elective (3)
- Directed Elective (3)

Year 1, Summer: Graduate Public Health: 12 Credits

- PHLT 500 - Health Systems, Organizations, & Policy (3)
- PHLT 501 - Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 506 - Planning & Management of Public Health Programs (3)
- PHLT 502 - Public Health Foundations (3)

Year 2, Fall: Graduate Public Health: 9 Credits

- PHLT 603 - Burden of Disease (3)
- PHLT 504 - Biostatistics for Public Health Professionals (3)
- PHLT 608 - Leadership for Health Professionals (3)

Year 2, Spring: Graduate Public Health: 9 Credits

- PHLT 699 - Public Health Capstone (3)
- Directed Elective (3)
- Directed Elective (3)

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for graduate-level PHLT courses.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work w/Bachelor of Science in Public Health (BS/MSW)

This joint degree program will allow students to simultaneously enroll in both the bachelor of science in public health (in their final year) and the master of social work. The joint degree program will prepare students for service in professional positions that require training in both public health and social work skills. For example, positions that emphasize prevention of health-related problems or access to healthcare may require education in both the public health and social work fields.

Undergraduate Courses (BS in Public Health): 98 Credits

Year 1, Fall: 16 Credits

- UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)
- UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)
- Any General Education Mathematics Course (4)
- Any General Education Social Science Course (4)
- FOUN 101 - Foundations (1) (optional)

Year 1, Spring: 17 Credits

- UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)
- UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)
- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- Any General Education Natural/Computational Science Course (4)

Year 2, Fall: 17 Credits

- UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)
- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- PHLT 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)
- PHLT 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

Year 2, Spring: 17 Credits

- PHLT 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)
- PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- Any General Education Natural/Computational Science Course (4)
- Any General Education Social Science Course (4)
- Any Public Health Elective (1 of 2) (3) *

Year 3, Fall: 16 Credits

- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3) or SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)
- Any General Education Humanities Course (4)
- Any Public Health Elective (2 of 2) (3) *

Year 3, Spring: 15 Credits

- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)
- PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- PHLT 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

Graduate Courses (Master of Social Work): 60 Credits

Year 4, Fall: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 501 - Foundations of Social Work (3)
- SOWK 502 - Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Families (3)
- SOWK 503 - Human Rights, Social Justice, and Social Work Ethics (3)
- SOWK 504 - Social Welfare Policy (3)
- SOWK 505 - Field Placement I (3) **

Year 4, Spring: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 506 - Social Work Research (3)
- SOWK 507 - Social Work Practice II: Families and Groups (3)
- SOWK 509 - Diversity and Multicultural Social Work Practice (3)
- SOWK 510 - Field Placement II (3) **
- Social Work Elective I (3)

Year 4, Summer: Social Work Field Placement: 6 Credits

- SOWK 615 - Faith Perspectives on Social Work Practice
- Social Work Elective II (3)

Year 5, Fall: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 601 - Advanced Research Seminar (3)
- SOWK 602 - Models and Theories-Clinical Social Work Practice (3) *or*
 - SOWK 603 - Models and Theories of Global Community Development (3)
- SOWK 604 - Psychopathology (3)
- SOWK 608 - Field Placement III (3) **

Year 5, Spring: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 611 - Clinical Specialization Seminar (3)
- SOWK 613 - Field Placement IV (3) **
- SOWK 665 - Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3)
- Social Work Elective III (3)

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for SOWK courses.

Total Required Credits: 158

*Choose a total of two courses (6 credits) from the list of Public Health Electives, as approved by the undergraduate program director. Click [here](#) for the list.

**All Field Placement courses include a Field Seminar, which meets 1 hour/week.

Continuing Studies

Academic Administration

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Undergraduate Programs and Requirements

Majors

Human Development and Family Science (BA) (Online version, 4-Year and Degree-Completer)

Interdisciplinary Studies Major (BA) (Online, 4-Year and Degree-Completer)

Nursing Major (RN to BSN Online Program) (BSN)

Organizational Leadership Major (BA) (Online, 4-Year and Degree-Completer)

Public Health (BS) (Online version, 4-Year and Degree-Completer)

Certificates

Project Management Certificate (CRC)

Social Media Management Certificate (CRC)

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs*

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (BS/MPH) with a BS in Public Health (Online version)

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BA/MSW) with a BA in Human Development and Family Science (Online version)

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BS/MSW) with a BS in Public Health (Online version)

*At this time, some of these fast-track tables are not yet represented in the catalog. See the department for program requirements.

Samford University's Continuing Studies provides opportunities for personal and professional growth through rigorous academic programs and relationships in a Christian community. The program acts as a bridge between the community and Samford University, identifying and addressing the educational needs of the local workforce and introducing the values and meaning of the university to those with whom we connect.

Through Continuing Studies, the following degrees are awarded: the bachelor of arts (BA), with majors in human development and family science (online version), interdisciplinary studies, and organizational leadership; the bachelor of science (BS), with a major in public health (online version); and the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), with a major in nursing (RN to BSN Online). The online human development and family science major is offered in cooperation with the School of Education, the online public health major is offered in cooperation School of Public Health, and the online nursing major is offered in cooperation with the School of Nursing.

Fast-track versions are also available for students pursuing the BA in human development and family science with the master of social work (MSW) as well as the BS in public health with the master of public health (MPH) or the master of social work (MSW).

A minimum of 30-32 credits must be taken at Samford University in order to meet residency requirements for the 120-128 credit bachelor's degree.

All but one program offered through Continuing Studies have two options for completion: 1) as a four-year program, with most, if not all, of the degree requirements (general education, major, and general electives) being taken at Samford, or 2) as a degree-completer program, where a student who has previously earned an associate of arts (AA) or associate of science (AS) can bypass the general education requirements and need only take the 60-68 hours within the major. The one exception is the RN to BSN Online nursing program, which is exclusively offered as a degree-completer program for students who have already earned an associate of applied science degree (AAS) at another school.

These programs are the most flexible of all awarded by the university and are designed specifically for non-traditional students. The responsibility for determining the suitability of these majors and their applicability to particular conditions rests with the individual student.

Students planning to pursue post-baccalaureate studies should review the requirements of the targeted graduate program to determine whether undergraduate-level prerequisites exist.

Continuing Studies also offers two certificates: project management and social media management. Each 12-credit program can be taken as a stand-alone certificate or in tandem with one of the bachelor's degrees offered by the department.

Courses for all programs are conveniently offered online. Students may be admitted to begin courses in the fall, spring, or summer semester. The program faculty is composed of members chosen from the full-time Samford faculty and practitioners who are experts in their fields.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

College-level credit is awarded for scores of 50 or higher in most subject areas; however, students should consult with their advisors or the Office of the Registrar before scheduling any CLEP examinations. See the CLEP table for more information.

Credit Limitations

The aggregate of credit earned through portfolio and CLEP may not exceed 30 credits. At least 25% of the credit in each degree program must be earned from Samford, with none of the credit mentioned above counting toward the residency requirement. Also, a minimum of 15 credits in the major field (with nine at the 300-400 level) must be taken at Samford.

Academic Regulations

Unless stated otherwise, Continuing Studies students are bound by the same academic regulations as other undergraduates; these regulations are found in the Academic Policies and Regulations section of this catalog.

Admission Procedures for Continuing Studies

It is expected that students who enter this program have been out of high school for at least three years or are unable to enroll in the day program due to work schedules, family concerns or other reasons. Continuing Studies is the administrative office that serves these programs and students. Applications for admission are accepted each term.

Please complete the following steps to apply for admission to the Continuing Studies.

Please visit <https://undergradadmission.samford.edu/apply> to apply online. All application materials should be addressed to Continuing Studies, Samford University, Birmingham, AL, 35229.

1. Admission application, completed in full, including reference forms and essay.
2. One official transcript from each college that you attended. Transcripts must be mailed directly from your former institution's records office to the Continuing Studies office.
3. One reference. See guidelines below.
4. Admission essay. See guidelines below.
5. Résumé.
6. If you earned fewer than 24 semester or 36 quarter hours of credit at other institutions, you must also provide the Continuing Studies Office with an official copy of your high school transcript.* This must be mailed from the high school directly to the Continuing Studies Office.

*If you have a GED, please review the High School Equivalency information in the Admission Procedures and Policies section of this catalog.

Reference Considerations

The reference form should be completed by a nonfamily member well acquainted with your capabilities, motivation, and initiative. Employers, former employers, or former instructors are recommended.

Essay Considerations

Student essays should answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to attend Samford University?
- What is your goal once you graduate from Samford?
- If you could have lunch with one historical figure, who would it be and why?

Each answer should be between 200-250 words and typed in a Word document.

Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid

Because Continuing Studies students take primarily online classes, do not receive meal plans, and do not have access to the full range of degrees designed for traditional day students, the tuition fee is substantially below the day rates. Courses taken during the day carry the full-tuition rate.

Although university scholarships are not generally available to Continuing Studies students, they should apply for non-university scholarships. Also, residents of the state of Alabama are eligible to receive the Alabama Student Grant if they meet the eligibility requirements. Continuing Studies students may also apply for other types of federal financial aid programs such as Pell grants and student loans. Financial Aid Applications may be requested by calling the Office of Financial Aid at (205) 726-2905.

There are few additional fees associated with Continuing Studies classes aside from the cost of textbooks. Most major credit cards are accepted. (See the General Miscellaneous Fees chart for a list of additional fees that may apply.)

Class Registration and Policies

A normal class load for undergraduate Continuing Studies students during fall and spring semesters (A and B terms combined) is 15 undergraduate credits. Permission from the Continuing Studies director must be secured to register for more than 18 credits. Under no circumstances may an undergraduate Continuing Studies student register for more than 21 credits in any semester, regardless of session length, location, or method of delivery.

The normal class load in each summer term is two courses. The maximum credit allowable in any summer term is eight. The maximum credit allowable for two summer terms is 16.

Nursing (RN to BSN Online)

Admission Requirements for the RN to BSN Online Program

Must meet the following Continuing Studies/Samford Online requirements and MSSON requirements:

- Admission to the School of Nursing
- Unencumbered nursing license* with NCLEX
- Evidence of passing NCLEX
- Associate Degree of Nursing
- General Education - Transfer Credit with AAS degree which must include:
 - Anatomy & Physiology with lab
 - Developmental Psychology or equivalent
 - Microbiology with lab
 - Statistics (can take while enrolled in program during first semester)
- Essay: Your essay should answer the following questions:
 - Why do you want to attend Samford University?
 - What is your goal once you graduate from Samford?
 - Each answer should be between 200–250 words typed in a word document.
- Letter of Recommendation
 - Request one letter of recommendation from a non-family member who is preferably a pastor, supervisor, employer, mentor, or co-worker. Requests will be generated within the application form.
- Professional Résumé - Optional
 - Submit an updated professional résumé with your educational and employment history. Résumés should not exceed two pages in length.
- Academic Transcripts
 - Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended are required. If you have earned less than 24 college credits, you must also submit your high school transcript. Official transcripts can be obtained by contacting the respective institution and are only considered official when they bear the issuing institution's seal and arrive with the seal intact. Have official electronic transcripts emailed to admission@samford.edu or sent by postal mail.
- English Proficiency
 - English proficiency tests required if your high school courses were not taught in English.
 - Favorable admission will be offered to students with the following recommended scores:
 - TOEFL/TOEFL iBT: Samford's test code for TOEFL is R1302.
 - iBT: 90 or above
 - Computer: 232 or above
 - Paper: 575 or above
 - IELTS: 6.5 or above
 - Duolingo: 120 or above

Progression Policies for the RN to BSN Online Program

In order to progress in the undergraduate program in the School of Nursing, the student must:

1. Have a signed Confidentiality Statement on file.
2. Make a grade of C (2.0) or better in each required course in the School of Nursing curriculum. Note: A grade of D or F constitutes failure in any required course. The nursing school accepts a C- in any required general education course in the nursing curriculum with the exception of the required science courses.
3. Achieve a grade of C or better in all required science courses (anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and chemistry). Students can repeat no more than one of the required science courses once.
4. Satisfy all prerequisites as prescribed in this catalog.
5. Adhere to the following limitation: Students are allowed to enroll in the same nursing course a maximum of two times.
6. The course repeat policy published in the *Samford University Catalog* will be followed.

Any student who fails to meet progression standards may continue as a Samford student but will be terminated from the School of Nursing.

Policies Regarding Course Failures

- A student who fails one nursing course in which a grade of D or F was received may repeat the course the following semester, if space is available. If the student fails a clinical nursing course the student may not enroll in another clinical nursing course until the failed course is successfully completed.
- Any student who fails two nursing courses with grades of D or F will be terminated from the School of Nursing and is eligible to be considered for readmission.
- Any student desiring readmission, who has been terminated from the School of Nursing due to failure and is eligible to be considered for readmission, is responsible for submitting a formal, written letter (no email) to the associate dean of the undergraduate program asking to be considered for readmission. Students seeking readmission must meet current admission criteria and readmission is contingent upon approval from the Undergraduate Admission/Progression Committee, the associate dean, and space availability.

- After readmission due to academic failure, one failure in a required nursing course results in permanent termination from the School of Nursing. Termination from the School of Nursing does not change the status of the student's admission or progression at Samford University.
- Any student who fails three or more nursing courses or who fails the same nursing course twice with grades of D or F will be permanently terminated from the School of Nursing and is not eligible to be considered for readmission.
- All students must adhere to the Code of Ethical/Professional Conduct as specified in this catalog, School of Nursing section.
- The student with an incomplete (INC) in any nursing course may not progress in the nursing curriculum until the incomplete is removed. All prerequisites must be satisfied as prescribed in this catalog.

Public Health (BS) (Online Version)

Admission Requirements for the Online Public Health Program

Students interested in transferring into the program must have a cumulative GPA of 2.75, meet with the undergraduate program director, and meet with the academic advisor before declaring the major. Students transferring into the program who do not meet the minimum GPA of 2.75 will be placed on probation.

Progression Policies for the Online Public Health Program

In order to progress in the public health program, students must:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above on all course work.
- Make a grade of C or better in each required public health course. If a student fails to earn a grade of C or better, the student must take the same course again and earn a grade of C or better to remain in the program. Students who fail to earn a grade of C or better after two course attempts in any required public health course will be dismissed from the program.
- Students who fall below the minimum GPA requirement of 2.75 will be placed on probation for the next academic semester. Students must bring their GPA to 2.75 or above during that semester of academic probation or they will be dismissed from the program.

Bachelor's Degree Requirements

General Education Requirements

All bachelor degree programs require a minimum of 120-128 total credits. Specific requirements for each major are outlined in the following tables. Credits within the degree are divided as follows: 36 credits fall under General Education, 12 credits under the Continuing Studies Common Courses group, 48-51 credits fall within the chosen major, and 29-32 credits of General Electives, based on the major, round out the overall 128 credits required. **ECWC 101 and ECWC 102 should be taken as part of a student's first 18 credits at Samford.** Unless otherwise specified, credits that have been used to satisfy general education requirements may not be counted as part of any major.

Continuing Studies - Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science

Required Courses	Course Credits	Total Required Credits
General Education - Distribution Areas OR Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree*		36 or 60
Natural & Computational Sciences	7	
Social Science	6	
Mathematics	3	
Fine Arts	3	
Humanities	6	
Speaking and Writing	9	
Health	2	
Major:**		42-72
Continuing Studies Core Courses (see note)	12	
Human Development and Family Science (online version)	48-60	
Interdisciplinary Studies	48	
Nursing (RN to BSN Online)	30	
Organizational Leadership	54	
Public Health (online version)	55	
General Electives*** (directed by advisor) OR If Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree awarded***		20-32 or 0-25
Total Required Credits		120-128

* Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply 60 hours of credit toward the 120-128 hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements. See the General Education Requirements table for required/applicable courses.

** See individual major tables for required/applicable courses.

***General Electives (if required) may be chosen from available credit (Samford or transfer) if the course(s) did not apply towards completion of a prior degree program. Students in the degree-completer version must complete ALL General Elective credits in residence at Samford.

NOTE: Students in the Nursing (RN to BSN Online) program are only required to take nine credits of Continuing Studies Core Courses.

General Education - Distribution Areas (BA or BS)

Natural & Computational Sciences: 7 Credits *(complete at least 7 total credits, but a minimum of one lab science is required)*

- Any Approved Natural & Computational Science (3)
- Any Lab Science Course (4)

Social Science: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- ECCN 256 - Becoming a Self-Regulated Learner (3)
- ECPS 205 - Life-Span Development (3)
- Other Approved Social Science Course* (3)

NOTE: BSN students may be allowed to take any two approved Social Science courses for a total of 6 credits.

Mathematics: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- ECMA 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (3) (or higher)

Fine Arts: 3 Credits *(choose one course)*

- ECAR 200 - Arts in Society (3)
- Other Approved Fine Arts Course** (3)

Humanities: 6 Credits *(choose two courses)*

- ECHU 101 - Humanities and Culture I (3)
- ECHU 102 - Humanities and Culture II (3)
- Other Approved Humanities Course*** (3)

Speaking and Writing: 9 Credits *(choose three courses)*

- ECCS 215 - Oral Communication (3)
- ECWC 101 - Writing Composition I (3)
- ECWC 102 - Writing Composition II (3)
- Other Approved Speaking and Writing Course (3)

Health: 2 Credits *(choose one course)*

- UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)
- Other Approved Health Course (2-4)

Total Required Credits: 36

*Social science courses include communication studies, counseling and human services, criminal justice, political science, psychology, sociology, and youth studies.

**Performance-based courses are not accepted for the fine arts requirement.

***Humanities courses include biblical and religious studies, English, history, and philosophy.

NOTE: International Studies courses could be applicable to either social science or humanities, depending on individual course focus. Additional disciplines may apply if coming from the day program.

Human Development and Family Science Major (BA) (Online, 4-Year)

Human development and family science is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field that applies extensive knowledge and research to understand individuals and families in the context of a rapidly changing world. This discipline is dedicated to exploring the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual development of individuals from birth through adulthood, examining how this personal growth influences the dynamics within the family unit.

Students in this major acquire both theoretical understanding and practical knowledge to equip them with the skills needed to plan, implement, and assess educational programs and services. The overarching goal is to enhance family functioning within the broader societal framework. The curriculum comprehensively explores the ten content areas essential for becoming a certified family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). These content areas include families and individuals in societal contexts, internal dynamics of families, human growth and development across the lifespan, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education and guidance, family law and public policy, professional ethics and practice, and family life education methodology.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits

- General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits

Human Development and Family Science Major: 72 Credits

Continuing Studies Core Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Family Life Education Core: 42 Credits

- ECCC 345 - Principles of Communication (3)
- ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)
- ECFS 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (3)
- ECFS 202 - Marriage and the Family (3)
- ECFS 300 - Parenting (3)
- ECFS 322 - Family Life Education (3)
- ECFS 324 - Human Sexuality (3)
- ECFS 345 - Families and Health (3)

- ECFS 346 - Family Resource Management (3)
- ECFS 360 - Infant and Child Development (3)
- ECFS 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (3)
- ECFS 370 - Practicum (3)
- ECFS 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (3)
- ECYS 331 - Family Dynamics (3)

Human Development and Family Science Electives: 18 Credits

Choose 18 credits from the following:

- ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- ECCN 341 - Employee Assistance Counseling (3)
- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- ECMG 472 - Case Studies in Leadership (3)
- ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)
- ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)
- ECOL 320 - Human Behavior in Organizations (3)
- ECOL 420 - Leadership for Organizational Change (3)
- ECOL 450 - Non-Profit Leadership (3)
- ECYS 481 - Human Services Administration (3)

General Electives: 12 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

Human Development & Family Science Major (BA) (Online, Degree-Completer)

Human development and family science (HDFS) (Degree-Completer, Online) is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field that applies extensive knowledge and research to understand individuals and families in the context of a rapidly changing world. This discipline is dedicated to exploring the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual development of individuals from birth through adulthood, examining how this personal growth influences the dynamics within the family unit.

Students in this major acquire both theoretical understanding and practical knowledge to equip them with the skills needed to plan, implement, and assess educational programs and services. The overarching goal is to enhance family functioning within the broader societal framework. The curriculum comprehensively explores the ten content areas essential for becoming a certified family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). These content areas include families and individuals in societal contexts, internal dynamics of families, human growth and development across the lifespan, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education and guidance, family law and public policy, professional ethics and practice, and family life education methodology. The HDFS Online Degree Completer option is only available to students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution. Those students may apply these hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 60 Credits*

- Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree: 60 Credits*

Human Development and Family Science Major: 60 Credits

Continuing Studies Core Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Family Life Education Core: 42 Credits

- ECCC 345 - Principles of Communication (3)
- ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)
- ECFS 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (3)
- ECFS 202 - Marriage and the Family (3)
- ECFS 300 - Parenting (3)
- ECFS 322 - Family Life Education (3)
- ECFS 324 - Human Sexuality (3)
- ECFS 345 - Families and Health (3)
- ECFS 346 - Family Resource Management (3)
- ECFS 360 - Infant and Child Development (3)
- ECFS 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (3)
- ECFS 370 - Practicum (3)
- ECFS 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (3)
- ECYS 331 - Family Dynamics (3)

Human Development and Family Science Electives: 6 Credits

Choose 6 credits from the following:

- ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- ECCN 341 - Employee Assistance Counseling (3)
- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- ECMG 472 - Case Studies in Leadership (3)
- ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)
- ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)

- ECOL 320 - Human Behavior in Organizations (3)
- ECOL 420 - Leadership for Organizational Change (3)
- ECOL 450 - Non-Profit Leadership (3)
- ECYS 481 - Human Services Administration (3)

Total Required Credits: 120

*Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply these hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

Interdisciplinary Studies Major (BA) (4-Year and Degree-Completer)

The bachelor of arts in interdisciplinary studies enables students to utilize integrative coursework that supports career ambitions, graduate study plans, or personal interests, and provides a broad educational experience.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 or 60 Credits*

- General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits
OR
- Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree: 60 Credits*

Interdisciplinary Studies Major: 60 Credits

Continuing Studies Core Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Interdisciplinary Studies Core: 12 Credits

- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)
- ECCC 453 - Professional Communication (3)
- ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)

Interdisciplinary Studies Areas: 36 Credits

(Choose any approved courses within the following areas of study, provided no more than 18 hours in any single area are completed)
Applicable courses in the following categories are still being determined, but examples are provided. More will be added soon.

Behavioral Sciences

- Any course with the ECPS prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Social Sciences

- Any course with the ECPO, ECSO prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Natural & Computational Sciences

- Any course with the ECBI, ECCO prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Humanities

- Any course with the ECEN, ECHI, ECPI, ECRE prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Languages

- Any course with the ECSP prefix

Mathematics

- Any course with the ECMA prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Fine Arts

- Any course with the ECAR, ECMU, ECTH prefix not already taken to meet a Gen Ed Requirement

Legal Studies

- ECCJ 301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
- ECYS 320 - Children and the Law (3)
- ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)

Directed Studies Approved by Advisor

Consult with your advisor on courses in this category

General Electives: 24 or 0 Credits

- General Electives (directed by advisor): 24 Credits
OR
- If Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree awarded: 0 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

*Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply these hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

Nursing Major (RN to BSN Online Program) (BSN)

Students enrolled in the bachelor of science in nursing RN-BSN program in the Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing are prepared to use knowledge, critical thinking skills, and practice skills learned from both nursing and liberal arts to provide professional nursing care in a variety of clinical settings. This program is designed to prepare students to further their education and for those who have completed an associate degree nursing program and are licensed to practice as an RN.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits

- General Education - Distribution Areas (click here): 36 Credits
This will include the following:
- Nursing Prerequisite Course Requirements (some of the following might be satisfied with coursework taken during completion of the AAS degree):
 - Anatomy and Physiology with a Lab (satisfies Gen Ed Natural Science)
 - Developmental Psychology across the Lifespan (or equivalent) (satisfies Gen Ed Natural Science)
 - Microbiology with Lab (satisfies student's other approved health course)

Nursing Major (RN to BSN Online): 39 Credits

Continuing Studies Core Courses: 9 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECCC 300 - Vocation and Calling (3)

Nursing Core: 30 Credits

- ECRN 330 - Nursing Roles and Concepts (3)
- ECRN 340 - Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse (3)
- ECRN 360 - Technology and Informatics in Health Care (3)
- ECRN 380 - Scholarship for Nursing Practice (3)
- ECRN 386 - Capstone I (1)
- ECRN 390 - Population Health for Registered Nurses (5)
- ECRN 426 - Capstone II (1)
- ECRN 430 - Leadership and Management for Professional Nursing Practice (5)
- ECRN 486 - Capstone III (1)
- ECRN 492 - Transitions in Care (5)

Nursing Credit Accepted/Assigned: 42-45 Credits

- Transfer Credit with an AAS degree: 42-45 Credits
- NCLEX Examination Confirmation

Total Required Credits: 120

*Students who have earned an AAS or comparable two-year nursing degree may apply up to 60 hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree may satisfy some or all General Education requirements.

Organizational Leadership Major (BA) (4-Year and Degree-Completer)

This major is designed to prepare students for successful careers as leaders in their organizations. The curriculum addresses the fundamental business, communication, human behavior, leadership, human resource, and technology concepts and skills needed to succeed in leadership roles in a variety of settings.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 or 60 Credits*

- General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits
OR
- Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree: 60 Credits*

Organizational Leadership Major: 60 Credits

Continuing Studies Core Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Leadership Core: 12 Credits

- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- ECOL 320 - Human Behavior in Organizations (3)
- ECOL 420 - Leadership for Organizational Change (3)
- ECMG 472 - Case Studies in Leadership (3)

Organizational Leadership Tracks: 36 Credits

(Choose three out of the four tracks to complete a total of 36 credits. Students choosing the Project Management Track must also choose the Business Operations Track.)

Business Operations Track: 12 Credits

- ECAC 200 - Survey of Accounting (3)
- ECEC 200 - Survey of Economics (3)
- ECMG 300 - Survey of Management (3)
- ECMK 300 - Survey of Marketing (3)

Human Resources Track: 12 Credits

- ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)
- ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- ECCN 341 - Employee Assistance Counseling (3)
- ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)

Project Management Track: 12 Credits

- ECPM 300 - Project Management (3)
- ECPM 350 - Agile Project Management (3)
- ECPM 400 - Leadership in Project Management (3)
- ECPM 450 - Contemporary Practices in Project Management (3)

Social Media Management Track: 12 Credits

- ECOL 380 - Social Media Fundamentals (3)
- ECOL 381 - Social Media Content Strategies (3)
- ECOL 382 - Social Media Content Creation (3)
- ECOL 383 - Social Media Campaigns (3)

General Electives: 24 or 0 Credits

- General Electives (directed by advisor): 24 Credits
OR
- If Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree awarded: 0 Credits

Total Required Credits: 120

*Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply these hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

Public Health Major (BS) (Online) (4-Year and Degree-Completer)

NOTE: This program is under review and subject to change.

This online-only version of the bachelor of science in public health is offered through the Office of Continuing Studies in cooperation with the School of Public Health's Department of Public Health. This online-only version is not available to undergraduate day students.

In an age of rapid changes in knowledge and technologies, public health professionals require a broad education that emphasizes problem-solving skills, critical thinking, interdisciplinary teamwork, and strong communication skills. Our cutting-edge curriculum and stellar faculty prepare you for a career in service to humanity. The bachelor of science (BS) in public health degree program will train students in multidisciplinary approaches to public health practice and research and prepare students for a future in health. The degree will explore both quantitative and qualitative aspects of public health at all levels of analysis. Graduates will advance, through employment or further education, to become the new generation of public health professionals prepared to face the emerging challenges to human health from a population perspective.

The public health major will provide students a broad and rigorous sequence of courses in public health, including the role and importance of data management and analysis, the skills to identify and address population health concerns, the ability to implement a health project, health communication skills, and an understanding of the health system and how it impacts health. For graduates with this bachelor's degree who wish to enter the job market directly, there is a plethora of opportunities in private and public organizations for entry-level personnel in public health. These include statewide and regional health care agencies (Jefferson County Health Department, Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Alabama Department of Public Health), community clinics focusing on preventive health, water and air quality management districts, biomedical companies, health-education institutions, and non-governmental organizations. The plan of study is designed to allow students flexibility to complete the prerequisite courses for any health-related post baccalaureate professional program (e.g., medicine, law, dentistry, physician assistance, environmental management).

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 or 60 Credits*

- General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits
OR
- Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree: 60 Credits*

Continuing Studies Common Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Public Health Major: 55 Credits

Public Health Core: 30 Credits

- ECPH 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)
- ECPH 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)
- ECPH 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)
- ECPH 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)
- ECPH 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)
- ECPH 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)
- ECPH 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)
- ECPH 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)
- ECPH 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)
- ECPH 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

Geography, Health Informatics, Healthcare Administration: 13 Credits

- GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)
- HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)
- HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)
- HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)

Public Health Electives: 12 Credits

Choose four public health electives (12 credits), as directed by advisor.

General Electives: 25 or 1 Credits

- General Electives (directed by advisor): 25 Credits
OR
- If Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree awarded: 1 Credit

Total Required Credits: 128

*Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply 60 hours of credit toward the 128-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

NOTE: This program is under review and subject to change.

Project Management Certificate (CRC)

Samford Online is pleased to offer a certificate course in Project Management. The certificate meets the educational hours required by the Project Management Institute (PMI®) to sit for the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) exam. This certificate is designed for aspiring or new professionals entering the field who desire to begin or enhance a career in project management. The CAPM equips students with the knowledge and skills to manage projects in the real world. The courses included in the certificate cover the commensurate exam topics that are essential to prepare each student to sit for the exam. The CAPM exam is offered by PMI and is a premiere certification that allows certificate holders to stand out from the crowd. It is a foundational step towards pursuing higher-level certifications including PMI's gold standard in project management, the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification.

Project Management Certificate: 12 Credits

Project Management Core: 12 Credits

- ECPM 300 - Project Management (3)
- ECPM 350 - Agile Project Management (3)
- ECPM 400 - Leadership in Project Management (3)
- ECPM 450 - Contemporary Practices in Project Management (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

Social Media Management Certificate (CRC)

The social media management certificate is an applied course sequence to both understand and accomplish the social media communication needs of an organization. This four-course sequence moves among the different common social media platforms and users, content types, and both proactive and reactive management strategies. By the end of the certificate, students will be able to manage social media content through a strategic approach for various organizational needs.

Social Media Management Certificate: 12 Credits

Social Media Management: 12 Credits

- ECOL 380 - Social Media Fundamentals (3)
- ECOL 381 - Social Media Content Strategies (3)
- ECOL 382 - Social Media Content Creation (3)
- ECOL 383 - Social Media Campaigns (3)

Total Required Credits: 12

Accelerated Bachelor-to-Graduate Pathway Programs*

Fast-Track Master of Public Health (BS/MPH) with a BS in Public Health (Online)

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BA/MSW) with a BA in Human Development and Family Science (Online)

Fast-Track Master of Social Work (BS/MSW) with a BS in Public Health (Online)

*At this time, some of these fast-track tables are not yet represented in the catalog. See the department for program requirements.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work with BA in Human Development & Family Science (Online, 4-Year) (BA/MSW)

The fast-track master of social work (MSW) with a bachelor of arts (BA) in human development and family science (Online, 4-Year) (HDFS) is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field that applies extensive knowledge and research to understand individuals and families in the context of a rapidly changing world. This discipline is dedicated to exploring the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual development of individuals from birth through adulthood, examining how this personal growth influences the dynamics within the family unit.

Students in this major acquire both theoretical understanding and practical knowledge to equip them with the skills needed to plan, implement, and assess educational programs and services. The overarching goal is to enhance family functioning within the broader societal framework.

The curriculum comprehensively explores the ten content areas essential for becoming a certified family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). These content areas include families and individuals in societal contexts, internal dynamics of families, human growth and development across the lifespan, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education and guidance, family law and public policy, professional ethics and practice, and family life education methodology.

This fast-track program is designed for students who plan to continue their career path by earning a master of social work (MSW). The first three years of the BA are comprised of courses from the HDFS major. The remaining BA graduation requirements are met upon the completion of the first 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses. An additional 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses are needed to earn the MSW. Students must be accepted into the MSW to complete the BA. It is important to work closely with an academic advisor to ensure all graduation requirements are met.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 36 Credits

- General Education - Distribution Areas (click here): 36 Credits

Continuing Studies Common Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Human Development and Family Science Major (Online): 72 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 42 Credits

- ECCC 345 - Principles of Communication (3)
- ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)
- ECFS 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (3)

- ECFS 202 - Marriage and the Family (3)
- ECFS 300 - Parenting (3)
- ECFS 322 - Family Life Education (3)
- ECFS 324 - Human Sexuality (3)
- ECFS 345 - Families and Health (3)
- ECFS 346 - Family Resource Management (3)
- ECFS 360 - Infant and Child Development (3)
- ECFS 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (3)
- ECFS 370 - Practicum (3)
- ECFS 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (3)
- ECYS 331 - Family Dynamics (3)

MSW Graduate Courses: 30 Credits

Graduate-level courses will be determined by the student's advisor and program director. These 30 credits count toward graduation requirements for the BA degree. An additional 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses are needed to earn the MSW (See below for a list of SOWK courses.)

General Electives: 8 Credits

Total Required Credits (BA Degree): 120

Graduate Courses (Master of Social Work): 60 Credits

Please note that 30 of the following 60 credits will be applicable towards completion of the BA degree.

Year 4, Fall: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 501 - Foundations of Social Work (3)
- SOWK 502 - Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Families (3)
- SOWK 503 - Human Rights, Social Justice, and Social Work Ethics (3)
- SOWK 504 - Social Welfare Policy (3)
- SOWK 505 - Field Placement I (3) *

Year 4, Spring: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 506 - Social Work Research (3)
- SOWK 507 - Social Work Practice II: Families and Groups (3)
- SOWK 509 - Diversity and Multicultural Social Work Practice (3)
- SOWK 510 - Field Placement II (3) *
- Social Work Elective I (3)

Year 4, Summer: Social Work Field Placement: 6 Credits

- SOWK 615 - Faith Perspectives on Social Work Practice
- Social Work Elective II (3)

Year 5, Fall: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 601 - Advanced Research Seminar (3)
- SOWK 602 - Models and Theories-Clinical Social Work Practice (3) or
 - SOWK 603 - Models and Theories of Global Community Development (3)
- SOWK 604 - Psychopathology (3)
- SOWK 608 - Field Placement III (3) *

Year 5, Spring: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 611 - Clinical Specialization Seminar (3)
- SOWK 613 - Field Placement IV (3) *
- SOWK 665 - Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3)
- Social Work Elective III (3)

*All Field Placement courses include a Field Seminar, which meets 1 hour/week.

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for SOWK courses.

Fast-Track Master of Social Work with BA in Human Development & Family Science (Online, Degree-Completer) (BA/MSW)

The fast-track master of social work (MSW) with a bachelor of arts (BA) in human development and family science (Online, Degree-Completer) (HDFS) is a dynamic and interdisciplinary field that applies extensive knowledge and research to understand individuals and families in the context of a rapidly changing world. This discipline is dedicated to exploring the physical, emotional, social, cognitive, and spiritual development of individuals from birth through adulthood, examining how this personal growth influences the dynamics within the family unit.

Students in this major acquire both theoretical understanding and practical knowledge to equip them with the skills needed to plan, implement, and assess educational programs and services. The overarching goal is to enhance family functioning within the broader societal framework. The curriculum comprehensively explores the ten content areas essential for becoming a certified family life educator through the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR). These content areas include families and individuals in societal contexts, internal dynamics of families, human growth and development across the lifespan, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education and guidance, family law and public policy, professional ethics and practice, and family life education methodology.

This fast-track program is only available to students who have earned a transferable two-year degree (AA or A.S.) from a state institution. Those students may apply 60 hours of undergraduate transfer credit toward the 128-hour requirement for the award of the bachelor's degree. The transferable associate's degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

The HDFS program is designed for students who plan to continue their career path by earning a master of social work (MSW). The first years of the BA are comprised of courses from the associate's degree and the HDFS major. The remaining BA graduation requirements are met upon the completion of the first 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses. An additional 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses are needed to earn the MSW. Students must be accepted into the MSW to complete the BA. It is important to work closely with an academic advisor to ensure all graduation requirements are met.

General Education - Distribution Areas: 60 Credits*

- Transfer Credit with AA or AS degree: 60 Credits*

Continuing Studies Common Courses: 12 Credits

- ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)
- ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)
- ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)
- ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)
- ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Human Development and Family Science Major (Degree-Completer, Online): 56 Credits

Family Life Education Core: 42 Credits

- ECCC 345 - Principles of Communication (3)
- ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)
- ECFS 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (3)
- ECFS 202 - Marriage and the Family (3)
- ECFS 300 - Parenting (3)
- ECFS 322 - Family Life Education (3)
- ECFS 324 - Human Sexuality (3)
- ECFS 345 - Families and Health (3)
- ECFS 346 - Family Resource Management (3)
- ECFS 360 - Infant and Child Development (3)
- ECFS 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (3)
- ECFS 370 - Practicum (3)
- ECFS 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (3)
- ECYS 331 - Family Dynamics (3)

Human Development and Family Science Electives: 14 Credits

- ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)
- ECCN 341 - Employee Assistance Counseling (3)
- ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)
- ECMG 472 - Case Studies in Leadership (3)
- ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)
- ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)
- ECOL 320 - Human Behavior in Organizations (3)
- ECOL 420 - Leadership for Organizational Change (3)
- ECOL 450 - Non-Profit Leadership (3)
- ECYS 481 - Human Services Administration (3)

MSW Graduate Courses: 30 Credits

Graduate-level courses will be determined by the student's advisor and program director. These 30 credits count toward graduation requirements for the BA degree. An additional 30 credits of MSW graduate-level courses are needed to earn the MSW (See below for a list of SOWK courses.)

Total Required Credits (BA Degree): 120

*Students who have earned a transferable two-year degree from a state institution may apply 60 hours of credit toward the 120-hour requirement for the award of a bachelor's degree. This transferable degree will satisfy all General Education requirements.

Graduate Courses (Master of Social Work): 60 Credits

Please note that 30 of the following 60 credits will be applicable towards completion of the BA degree.

Year 4, Fall: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 501 - Foundations of Social Work (3)
- SOWK 502 - Social Work Practice I: Individuals and Families (3)
- SOWK 503 - Human Rights, Social Justice, and Social Work Ethics (3)
- SOWK 504 - Social Welfare Policy (3)
- SOWK 505 - Field Placement I (3) **

Year 4, Spring: Social Work Foundation Sequence: 15 Credits

- SOWK 506 - Social Work Research (3)
- SOWK 507 - Social Work Practice II: Families and Groups (3)
- SOWK 509 - Diversity and Multicultural Social Work Practice (3)
- SOWK 510 - Field Placement II (3) **
- Social Work Elective I (3)

Year 4, Summer: Social Work Field Placement: 6 Credits

- SOWK 615 - Faith Perspectives on Social Work Practice
- Social Work Elective II (3)

Year 5, Fall: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 601 - Advanced Research Seminar (3)
- SOWK 602 - Models and Theories-Clinical Social Work Practice (3) or
 - SOWK 603 - Models and Theories of Global Community Development (3)
- SOWK 604 - Psychopathology (3)
- SOWK 608 - Field Placement III (3) **

Year 5, Spring: Clinical Social Work Concentration: 12 Credits

- SOWK 611 - Clinical Specialization Seminar (3)
- SOWK 613 - Field Placement IV (3) **
- SOWK 665 - Policy Analysis and Advocacy (3)
- Social Work Elective III (3)

**All Field Placement courses include a Field Seminar, which meets 1 hour/week.

See the **2025-2026 Samford University Graduate Catalog** for course descriptions for SOWK courses.

Course Descriptions

Accounting

ACCT 211 - Accounting Concepts I (3)

Introduction to the preparation and use of financial statements for business entities, focusing on the uses and limitations of accounting information for external reporting, and emphasizing accounting as a provider of financial information. Prereq/Co-req: DATA 201, MATH 130, or any college-level math course. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer I.

ACCT 212 - Accounting Concepts II (3)

Examination of accounting as an information provider with emphasis on the use of information for managerial decision-making. Includes an introduction to cost behavior, budgeting, responsibility accounting cost control, and product costing. Prereq: ACCT 211. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer 2.

ACCT 310 - Income Tax I (3)

Study of concepts of taxation applied in a client-oriented setting with a planning emphasis. Includes income, exclusions, deductions, credits, tax research, and policy. Prereq: ACCT 212. Offered: Spring.

ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting I (3)

Study of financial accounting and reporting practices. Particular emphasis on theoretical foundations, concepts, and principles underlying financial statements with emphasis on assets and current liabilities. Prereq: ACCT 211. Offered: Fall.

ACCT 312 - Intermediate Accounting II (3)

Study of concepts and principles underlying financial statements with emphasis on long-term liabilities and stockholders' equity. Prereq: ACCT 311. Offered: Spring.

ACCT 410 - Income Tax II (3)

Study of tax aspects of operating a corporation, partnership, estate, trust, or limited-liability entity. Client service-oriented course that includes review of exempt organizations, international organizations, international and multi-state topics, and development of tax planning and communication skills. Prereq: ACCT 310. Offered: Fall.

ACCT 413 - Advanced Managerial Accounting (3)

The Advanced Managerial Accounting course will focus on problem-solving for managerial accounting issues. Students will prepare for the role accountants have in planning and control of the organization. Students will also develop knowledge about and develop proficiencies in efficient techniques in analysis for decision making using cost information and economic insight. Students will also develop effective ways to communicate results and uphold ethical principles. Prereq: ACCT 212. Offered: Fall. (Formerly ACCT 313)

ACCT 415 - Governmental and Not-for-Profit Accounting (3)

Introduction to governmental and non-profit accounting and auditing, including accounting methods used at hospitals, universities, and other not-for-profit entities. Prereq: ACCT 212. Offered: Spring.

ACCT 420 - Auditing I (3)

Introduction to the independent-auditing process. Includes review of accepted and commonly used auditing standards and procedures, with emphasis on the professional, ethical, and legal obligations of auditors. Prereq: ACCT 312. Prereq/Co-req: ACCT 470. Offered: Fall.

ACCT 470 - Accounting Information Systems (3)

Study of how accounting information is recorded, summarized, and reported in both manual and computerized systems. Emphasis on internal control features necessary to produce accurate and reliable accounting data. Includes description of methods used to develop accounting systems and auditor involvement in the process. Prereqs: ACCT 212 and DATA 301. Offered: Fall.

ACCT 494 - Topics in Accounting (3)

This course will be used for emerging and special topics in Accounting. Prereqs: ACCT 211 and ACCT 212.

ACCT 496 - Accounting Internship (2-3)

Academic credit may be awarded for students who complete accounting internships with local firms or businesses. Students should see the director of the accounting program for eligibility parameters. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Permission from the department chair of accounting and management information systems.

Air Force ROTC

AERO 101 - Heritage and Values I (1)

A survey course serving as an introduction to the Air and Space Forces. The course focuses on information needed to be better informed about the role of the USAF and USSF. The course allows students to examine general aspects of the Department of the Air Force, leadership fundamentals, service benefits, and opportunities for officers. Students should also take AERO 101 LLab. Offered: Fall only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 102 - Heritage and Values II (1)

A survey course providing a historical perspective including lessons on war and US military, AF operations, principles of war, and airpower. This course provides students with a knowledge-level understanding for the employment of air and space power, from an institutional, doctrinal, and historical perspective. The students will be introduced to the military way of life and gain knowledge on what it means to be an Air or Space professional. Students should also take AERO 102 LLab. Offered: Spring only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 201 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals I (1)

A survey course analyzing leadership and followership traits in the context of a modern military force. The course provides details on leadership fundamentals and different leadership styles. Both verbal and written communication skills are taught along with problem-solving techniques. Students should also take AERO 201 LLab. Offered: Fall only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 202 - Team and Leadership Fundamentals II (1)

A survey course designed to introduce the student to fundamental team dynamics and team building. Application of leadership perspectives in practical activities fostering skills like conflict management and ethical decision making. Group leadership problems designed to enhance interpersonal communications and decision-making skills. Students should also take AERO 202 LLab. Offered: Spring only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 300 - Field Training (2)

Officership training and evaluation course to select potential candidates for POC. Rigorous physical training. This course is offered at Maxwell AFB, AL. Prereq: Permission of professor of aerospace studies. Offered: Summer only.

AERO 301 - Leading People and Effective Communication I (3)

Selected concepts, principles, and theories of Air and Space Force leadership and management. Individual leadership skills and personal strengths and weaknesses as applied to an Air Force environment. Students should also take AERO 301 LLab. Prereq: Completion of Field Training. Offered: Fall only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 302 - Leading People and Effective Communication II (3)

Selected Air Force officer's duties and responsibilities as a subordinate leader. Responsibility and authority of an Air Force Officer. Application of listening, speaking, and writing skills in Air and Space Force-peculiar formats and situations with accuracy, clarity, and appropriate style. Air Force officer's responsibilities in personnel counseling and feedback process. Students should also take AERO 302 LLab. Prereqs: Completion of Field Training and AERO 301. Offered: Spring only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 401 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation I (3)

Basic elements of national security policy and process. Roles and missions of air power in implementing national security policy. Preparation for service in the United States Air and Space Forces. Students should also take AERO 401 Leadership Lab (LLAB). Prereqs: Completion of Field Training and AERO 301 and AERO 302. Offered: Fall only (AERO 402 in Spring). Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

AERO 402 - National Security, Leadership Responsibilities and Commissioning Preparation II (3)

Contemporary roles for the military in society and current issues affecting the military profession. Comparative analysis of civil and military justice systems. Preparation for service in the United States Air and Space Forces. Students should also take AERO 402 LLab. Prereqs: Completion of Field Training and AERO 301, AERO 302, AERO 401. Offered: Spring only. Class conducted at Samford University. Call Detachment for course schedule (205) 726-2859.

American Sign Language

ASL 101 - Elementary American Sign Language I (4)

This course is an introduction to American Sign Language as used within the American Deaf Culture. Students will learn the basic structure of the language and develop the ability for practical use as well as an introduction to the Deaf Culture and history of language. Native signers or near native signers of the language are NOT allowed to enroll in this course. Any students with background knowledge of this language must see the Critical Languages Program director before registering and shall be assigned an appropriate class for the level. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ASL 102 - Elementary American Sign Language II (4)

This course is designed for students continuing from ASL 101. It creates a visual-gestural environment that presents ASL grammar and vocabulary. It includes interactive activities, cultural awareness education, and individual feedback. Emphasis is on appropriate language use in common communication settings. Prereq: ASL 101 or WLAC 140. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Architecture

ARCH 101 - Survey of the Professions (1)

Introduction to the professions of architecture and interior design. Topics of discussion will include development of the professions, educational requirements, professional practice, and current works. Discussions will be led by instructors and professional practitioners. Cross-listed with IARC 101. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 210 - Movements in Architecture (3)

Study of the development of architecture around the world from pre-history to the present, analyzing concurrent developments in different regions, grounding students in each cultural period, and hallmarking determinants that shaped each culture's aesthetics and design history. For majors in architecture or interior design. Cross-listed with IARC 210. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 211 - Architectural Drawing I (3)

Designing for the built environment requires cultivating the ability to compose form simultaneously in both two- and three-dimensional space. In this course we explore architectural language and graphical standards of two-dimensional graphic composition as a foundation for three-dimensional graphic compositions. Our goals are to develop formal technical drawing skills that lead to understanding the relationship between two-dimensional design and three-dimensional design; to cultivate the ability to encode and decode abstract representations in the field of design/architecture; and to enhance the ability to visually and graphically communicate design intent. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with IARC 211. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 212 - Design Fundamentals Studio I (3)

A transitional design studio course that builds upon the fundamental elements and principles of design introduced in ART 101 and ART 102. This course explores three-dimensional design composition generated from two-dimensional expressions. Initially conceptual and abstract in nature, the process moves the student toward a rational design solution as it relates to space design and the habitable environment, exploring spatial composition and transformation, progression, perception and sequence, light, color, and materiality. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with IARC 212. Prereqs: ART 101, 102, 110, 120, and 222. Co-req: ARCH 211. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 214 - Building Systems I (3)

This course is intended for those who are new to building design and looking to learn the basics of building systems and building rating systems such as LEED. The course offers an introduction to sustainable building principles and practices as each relates to components of the building construction and building code regulations. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Cross-listed with IARC 214. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 220 - Architecture History II (3)

This course builds on the development of architecture around the world from pre-history to the present that was analyzed in ARCH 210, and focuses on the impact of architecture since the Industrial Revolution. Modernism, post-modernism, and globalization are examined as part of this study of design history. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Prereq: ARCH 210. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 221 - Architectural Drawing II (3)

Study of design exploration, visualization, and documentation using building information modeling (BIM) processes, and of custom model element creation using common industry software applications. Course builds on concepts learned in ARCH 211 and parallels the design efforts in ARCH 222. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with IARC 232. Prereq: ARCH 211. Co-req: ARCH 222. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 222 - Architecture Design Studio II (3)

This is a studio course in which the concepts of architecture and the built environment are introduced and developed. It follows and applies knowledge developed in ARCH 212 and draws its foundation from the elements and principles of design that were introduced in fine art foundation courses. Those abstract principles will be applied to spatial problem-solving as the design methodology process is further explored. This course also begins to integrate an

understanding of building systems and constructability. For majors in architecture only. Technical/studio format. Prereqs: ARCH 211 and ARCH 212. Co-req: ARCH 221. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 224 - Building Systems II (3)

This course builds on the principles learned in ARCH 214 to establish a deeper understanding of building systems, life safety requirements, and thermal and environmental systems. The course does this through a continued understanding of sustainable building principles, building construction, and building code regulations. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Cross-listed with IARC 225. Prereq: ARCH 214. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 310 - Creative Investigation (2)

Through analysis, students will examine and apply various processes related to creative work in the arts by exploring how professionals in their field develop design work and by developing a unique project proposal to be implemented in ARCH 414. Prereq/Co-req: ARCH 322.

ARCH 311 - Digital Rendering and Presentation (3)

This course presents contemporary methods of digital representation as both a communicative device and conceptual tool for architecture and interior architecture. The course will explore appropriate computer graphics techniques and three-dimensional modeling and compositing software in order to expand our ability to communicate architecturally. This course will simultaneously guide students through the development of a design portfolio for job interviews, graduate school applications, design grants, or competitions. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with IARC 311. Prereqs: ART 110, ARCH 221, and ARCH 222. Co-req: ARCH 312. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 312 - Architecture Design Studio III (6)

This course expands the student's application of integrated design by further examining site selection, urban context, and impact on the built environment. The course includes a heavier emphasis and application of building materials and construction methods. For majors in architecture only. Technical/studio format. Prereqs: ARCH 212 and ARCH 222. Co-req: ARCH 311. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 316 - Structural Systems I (3)

In this course, students will learn the design of basic structural systems: arches, vaults, domes, trusses, suspended and stayed structures, moment frame, braced frame, shear wall, framed tube, bundled tube, and suspended high-rise. Students will also explore how the design of various structural systems accounts for lateral loads, seismic loads, design loads, live loads, and stress/strain. The course will include an analysis of forces using and creating shear and moment diagrams. Students will design structures and build structural models including small, medium, and large spaces. Prereq: MATH 150. Co-req: ARCH 319. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 319 - Materials and Methods (3)

This course provides students an understanding of the basic selection and design implications for the materials and methods used in the construction of buildings. It will examine specific materials—masonry, concrete, steel, wood, and glass—for their qualities and characteristics, design advantages, and constraints. Students will also explore ways materials can be combined in various construction and building system methods. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 322 - Architecture Design Studio IV (6)

This course continues the design studio sequence, using integrative design to further explore site selection and solar orientation, selection and specification of structural systems, exterior envelope and basic interior materials, and construction documentation of a project. For majors in architecture only. Technical/studio format. Prereq: ARCH 312. Co-req: ARCH 326. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 326 - Structural Systems II (3)

This course integrates the structural theories and knowledge from ARCH 316 and ARCH 319 to establish practical structural design solutions and systems. The specific structural properties of steel, wood, concrete, and masonry will be examined in this course, in order to explain and interpret structural needs in the built environment. This course will also refine the use of computerized tools to assist with consideration and selection of structural systems, and to perform necessary calculations to approximate member sizes and connection solutions for gravity and lateral loads. The final project for this course is a structural design of a current studio project. Prereqs: ARCH 316 and ARCH 319. Co-req: ARCH 322. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 414 - Architecture Design Studio V (6)

Senior Capstone design studio that incorporates components from all previously studied interior design courses. Students design a project traditionally located in an international, developing-world setting or in a domestic setting that embraces cultural challenges different from their own. Building on research and analysis, along with interaction with the client(s), students utilize the project scenario and program developed in the prerequisite class, ARCH 310, to further study and explore design solutions for this project, intended to be built by the client. Prereq: ARCH 310.

ARCH 419 - Advanced Materials and Methods (3)

This course will analyze and evaluate innovative and emerging building materials, including both traditional and progressive building envelope systems. Students will cultivate an understanding of various building envelope systems' impacts on building performance, aesthetics, moisture transfer, durability, and energy and material resources. Special regard will be paid to material and systems' impact on sustainable design and building resiliency. Prereq: ARCH 319. Offered: Fall.

ARCH 422 - Architecture Design Studio VI: Historic Preservation and Adaptive Re-Use (6)

This course will incorporate and apply historic preservation and adaptive reuse principles in a final senior-level design studio. Students will incorporate components from all previously studied interior and architecture design courses, applying the design methodology process to create a project scenario, and to research and develop an appropriate design solution utilizing a documented historic structure as a basis of form. Architecture and interior design students will work together in this collaborative studio. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with IARC 422. Prereq: ARCH 414. Offered: Spring.

ARCH 455 - Internship Elective (3)

This course is an elective independent study in which the student gains practical experience while working in an architecture firm or business involved in the lawful practice of architecture, and under the supervision of a registered architect. This experience requires a minimum of 200 contact hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: ARCH 322. Offered: Spring.

Art

ART 100 - Purpose and Professionalism (1)

Art and Design students are introduced to concepts of community, worldview, artistic awareness, good study habits, and professionalism through shared activities, discussion, and self-reflection.

ART 101 - Two-Dimensional Design (3)

Study of the elements of design through introduction to art materials and processes with art principles as a basis. Emphasis placed on a series of problem-solving projects and experimental 2-D studio work, primarily in black and white.

ART 102 - Three-Dimensional Design (3)

Study of the elements of design transitioning from 2-D to 3-D. Emphasis placed on a series of problem-solving projects dealing with both 2-D and 3-D concepts that explore design elements and principles in black and white and color. Should be taken with ART 230.

ART 110 - Digital Foundations (3)

This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of digital media in the visual arts. Laptop and Creative Cloud software required.

ART 120 - Drawing I (3)

Introduction to a variety of traditional drawing materials and techniques with emphasis on shape, line, perspective, value, and objective rendering.

ART 209 - Beginning Photography (3)

Study of digital photography with an artistic approach to digital images, the studio environment, and post-production software. Includes research into historical and contemporary photography. Digital SLR (DSLR) camera with manual mode and editing software is required. Prereq: ART 101.

ART 211 - Graphic Design: Theory and Practice (3)

Introduction to the process and the profession of graphic design using a series of lectures, demos, exercises, and projects to develop fundamental skills/understanding. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 110.

ART 212 - Typographic Design (3)

Establish the importance of using type effectively, with a secondary emphasis on using type expressively. Initial emphasis on lectures and faster-paced exercises to reinforce the effective use of typography, followed by longer, more developed projects designed to encourage more conceptual work. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 110.

ART 213 - Graphic Design: UX Design Principles (3)

Students will build the foundation necessary for creating successful experiences across multiple digital applications. Fundamental design concepts will be applied to a digital environment to equip students for tomorrow's ever-moving technological world. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 110.

ART 222 - Drawing II (3)

Further exploration of drawing materials and techniques, with emphasis on rendering value, texture, advanced perspective, color, and personal expression. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereq: ART 120.

ART 230 - Painting I (3)

Introduction to traditional painting materials and techniques with an emphasis on oil paint and acrylic media, objective subject matter, composition development, and color mixing and theory. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 120.

ART 232 - Painting II (3)

Study of painting materials and techniques with an emphasis on expressive approaches and color. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereqs: ART 120 and ART 230.

ART 240 - Ceramics (3)

Study of various forming methods and cycles of ceramic production for the creation of pottery and other clay applications.

ART 260 - Beginning Printmaking (3)

Introduction to printmaking materials and techniques with emphasis on monotypes, relief, and dry-point processes. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 120.

ART 261 - Letterpress Printmaking (3)

Use of the letterpress printmaking process to create projects with graphic design content. Historic overview of letterpress printmaking from 1450 to the present.

ART 270 - Sculpture I (3)

Introduction to traditional and non-traditional sculpture materials and techniques with an emphasis on additive, subtractive, and assemblage construction methods. Prereqs: ART 102 and ART 120.

ART 271 - Sculpture II (3)

Exploration of traditional and non-traditional sculpture materials and techniques with an emphasis on casting, mold-making, and site-specific work. Contemporary and historical artists and themes will be referenced throughout the course. Prereqs: ART 102 and ART 270.

ART 273 - Time-Based and Installation Art (3)

Introduction to a wide range of installation and time-based art practices. Students will create installation artworks through experimentation with sculpture, construction, and electronic and time-based media such as moving images, sound, performance, animation, and projection-individually or in combination. Prereq: ART 102.

ART 279 - Non-Western Art History (3)

Study of art, architecture, and design derived from non-European or North American history and ideals from ancient times to the present. Includes study of their place in cultural and religious settings in order to provide students with a global perspective.

ART 281 - Ancient to Medieval Art History (3)

Study of art, architecture, graphics, and interior design from prehistory to the Gothic Age, including their place in cultural, social, political, economic, and religious settings. (Formerly ART 381)

ART 282 - Renaissance to Modern Art History (3)

Survey of art, architecture, graphics, and interior design from the Renaissance to the Modern era, including their place in cultural, social, political, economic, and religious settings. (Formerly ART 382)

ART 288 - History of Visual Art and the Church (3)

Study of the history of visual art, architecture, and design within the Christian Church from the early church to the present. Emphasis placed on art since the Protestant Reformation and the diverse role visual art plays within Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant worship practices.

ART 290 - Mixed Media (3)

Study of mixed media materials and techniques with emphasis on 2-D traditional and non-traditional methods, collage, composition development, and personal expression. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereqs: ART 101, ART 120, and ART 230. (Formerly ART 390)

ART 291 - Principles of 3D Animation (3)

In this character-focused animation course, students develop a sense of timing, staging, fluid movement, blocking, and expressive performance in character animation. Technical software understanding is developed with a focus on the principles of animation to create effective acting and facial expressions with lip-synch. Prereq: ART 110.

ART 292 - Principles of 3D Game Art (3)

Students develop the core skills of 3D production, the principles of modeling, and texturing assets. In this course students will explore the creation of 3-D assets specifically designed for integration into a game engine. Prereqs: ART 110, and ART 120 or COSC 110.

ART 309 - Darkroom Film Photography (3)

Introduction to darkroom film photography as a medium of expression. Includes the history of photography, working knowledge of 35mm cameras, and basic darkroom printing techniques in black and white. The course approaches photography as an art form and not merely as a technical means to preserve images. Prereq: ART 101.

ART 310 - Production for Print and Digital (3)

Study of methodology and best practice for dealing with the production of designs from concept to paper or digital output, using complex projects to reinforce learning production methods and compliance, as well as developing efficacious working relationships with printers, pre-press departments, and digital implementers. Instruction will be provided through in-class lectures and demos. ART 212.

ART 311 - Graphic Design: Branding Systems (3)

In-depth study of branding systems-from the perspective of logo and corporate ID development, developing style guides and branding standards, as well as the application/development of branding across a variety of 2D and 3D applications. Prereq: ART 212.

ART 312 - Graphic Design: Advanced Visual Systems (3)

In-depth study of systems of design, rather than singular pieces. Incorporate multipage layout projects (including e-publication), systems of advertising and promotion, as well as exploring the use of these areas of design as catalysts for impacting social change. Prereq: ART 212.

ART 313 - Designing the User Experience (3)

Advanced UI design and its effect on the user's experience will be explored. Students will learn how user behavior is established through consistent and clear design. Technologies such as content management systems (CMS) and the role they play in establishing consistent design patterns will also be covered. Prereq: ART 212.

ART 314 - Motion Graphics (3)

Introduction to theory and production techniques related to creating motion graphics used in animation, special effects, and time-based media environments. Moving images, kinetic typography, and audio editing tools will be explored. Prereq: ART 211 and ART 213.

ART 316 - Book Cover Design (3)

A specialized elective course focusing on conceptual design and the specific graphic design niche of book cover design. Covers the entirety of the process of professional book cover design, from working with clients (both self-publishing authors and large publishing houses), professional practice, ideation and conceptual thought, technical development (including digital tools and specialty production processes), and even producing and photographing physically comped pieces for portfolio development. Prereq: ART 212.

ART 323 - Drawing III (3)

Advanced exploration of drawing materials and techniques with emphasis on the human figure as subject. Includes research into contemporary and historical precedents. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 120.

ART 333 - Painting III (3)

Advanced exploration of painting materials and techniques with emphasis on the human figure. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereqs: ART 101, ART 120, and ART 230.

ART 340 - Advanced Ceramics (3)

Continued study and use of the basics learned in Ceramics, with emphasis placed on wheel throwing, glazing, and firing. Prereq: ART 240.

ART 352 - History and Application of Graphic Design (3)

Study and application of design from its origins to contemporary design. Includes portfolio design projects with consideration of specific periods, styles, and subjects.

ART 356 - Illustration (3)

Introduction to editorial and advertising illustration, primarily through traditional methods and media. Examination of creative process, design principles, and the discipline of illustration as a profession. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 110.

ART 358 - Photodesign (3)

Study and practice of photography as a vital part of graphic design. Photography-driven projects explore both location and studio techniques through digital imaging. Access to a digital camera capable of manual override is required. Limited access to a camera may be provided by the art department.

ART 360 - Advanced Printmaking (3)

Advanced exploration of printmaking materials and techniques with emphasis on screen-printing, woodblock relief printing, experimental, expressive, and portable processes. Includes research into contemporary and historical precedents. Prereqs: ART 101, ART 120, and ART 260.

ART 362 - Screen Printing Studio (3)

Introduces the student to concepts, techniques, processes, and materials used to produce poster designs and fine art prints using screen printing. The focus of the class will be using paper as substrate, but exploration will be given to the capabilities that serigraphy has for printing on textiles and non-traditional materials. Emphasis will be placed on equipping students to be able to set up a screen-printing studio in addition to learning how to use the equipment. Projects will be used to reinforce skills and material covered and further develop skills as artists/designers. For students majoring in graphic design or studio art. Prereqs: ART 110; plus, ART 310 or ART 230.

ART 370 - Sculpture III (3)

Students will further develop technical skills and interdisciplinary methods of working in three dimensions, including installation and site-specificity. Emphasis will be placed upon developing conceptual motivations for the work, including careful examinations of site and audience. Contemporary and historical artists and themes will be referenced throughout the course.

ART 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)

Study of historical clothing as dress and stage costuming, from primitive apparel to present fashion. Cross-listed with THEA 380.

ART 383 - Modern and Contemporary Art (3)

Study of art, architecture, graphics, and interior design from Realism to the present time, including their place in cultural, economic, social, political, and religious settings.

ART 384 - Contemporary Theory and Practice (3)

Study of art, theory, and criticism since 1945 to provide a background in the traditions of thought that inform much of contemporary art practices. Includes research into contemporary and historical precedents.

ART 385 - History of Graphic Design (3)

Examination of the history of graphic design, including exploration of its cultural, social, and political contexts. Visual innovators, movements of style and approach, groundbreaking technologies, and major developments covering communication methods from past to present will be covered.

ART 386 - Women in Art History (3)

Study of the role of women in art history, including women as subject matter, artists, architects, scholars, and patrons. The course content focuses on Western Modern and Contemporary Art while also addressing art through the ages and Non-Western Art. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102.

ART 387 - History of Art and Community Engagement (3)

Study of the history and development of socially engaged art, design, and architecture practices as they relate to the built environment, diverse forms of art as community engagement, and the ability of art to create social change from the 20th century to the present. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102.

ART 389 - Special Topics in Art History (3)

The topics in this course will vary from semester to semester, covering thematic art-historical and theoretical subjects that engage a range of disciplines, cultures, and concepts. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

ART 391 - Intermediate 3D Production Art (3)

Students refine skills in 3-D art, creating complex organic and hard surface models for video games, 3-D animations, and visual effects. In this course, students cultivate digital sculpting skills and other advanced concepts as they produce high-resolution characters and environments with aesthetic appeal. Prereqs: ART 291 and ART 292.

ART 392 - Advanced Mixed Media (3)

Advanced study of mixed media materials and techniques with emphasis on experimentation and technology. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereq: ART 290.

ART 395 - Advanced 3D Production Art (3)

Students explore methods and processes for creating advanced assets of a short-animated film or video game. This course prepares students for professional situations through the creation of individual assets in relation to the student's aspirations in the industry. Prereq: ART 391.

ART 396 - Studio Methods and Critique (3)

Students will engage in a multidisciplinary methodological approach to developing formal visual solutions and expressions to create a coherent body of artwork. Emphasis will be placed on the creative process and experimentation, varied use of tools and materials, and self-evaluation and critique.

Prereqs: ART 230 and ART 270.

ART 398 - Special Topics in Studio Art (3)

The topics in this course will vary from semester to semester, covering various media, thematic material, and theoretical subjects that engage a range of disciplines, cultures, and concepts. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

ART 401 - Workshop I (1)

Independent study in any media for advanced art students. Content to be decided in consultation between student and supervising faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits.

ART 402 - Workshop II (2)

Independent study in any media for advanced art students. Content to be decided in consultation between student and supervising faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

ART 403 - Workshop III (3)

Independent study in any media for advanced art students. Content to be decided in consultation between student and supervising faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

ART 410 - Graphic Design: Professional Practice and Preparedness (3)

Focus on the process of taking the work students have done up to this point and finding a job. Emphasis on portfolio development (print, PDF and web-based), job-searching, writing cover letters, interview skills, freelancing and entrepreneurship, networking, etc. Prereqs: ART 311 and ART 312.

ART 415 - Studio Art Professional Practices (3)

Throughout this seminar, students will be introduced to various professional practices within the field of art, such as creating CVs, writing grant proposals, artist statements, and statements of purpose, and learning the different content and uses of each. This course will support students in the development and execution of their senior projects/exhibitions, as well as prepare them for a career in the arts beyond graduation.

ART 434 - Painting IV (3)

Advanced exploration of painting materials and techniques with special emphasis on the development of self-directed work in painting through practice and criticism as the student explores personal style and expression. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereqs: ART 101, ART 120, ART 230, and ART 232. (Formerly ART 334)

ART 450 - Senior Portfolio (3-6)

Final portfolio, under supervision of the faculty, for senior art students, with periodic evaluation by professionals. The advanced nature of these assignments is designed to produce portfolio examples for job-hunting or graduate school. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

ART 451 - Video Motion Graphics (3)

Introduction to digital video production. Objectives include how to use a Mac computer as a video editing and creation tool, and exploration of lighting, camera technique, and video effects. Prereqs: ART 101 and ART 102.

ART 455 - Externship and Independent Study (2-3)

Opportunity for advanced students to gain valuable work experience for credit as they near completion of their collegiate experience. Several internships with local businesses are available. Co-req: ART 494.

ART 456 - Advanced Illustration (3)

Study of contemporary image making through vector and bitmap applications. Traditional media and processes are reviewed and practiced where appropriate. Examination of creative process, design principles, and the discipline of illustration as a profession. Prereqs: ART 102, ART 230.

ART 459 - Senior Project in Art and Design (6)

Directed study of an individually determined subject intended to serve as a capstone project. Prereqs: ART 312; plus, ART 313 or ART 395.

ART 471 - Sculpture IV (3)

Advanced study of sculptural materials and techniques with emphasis on the development of independent sculpture-based work. Includes research into historical and contemporary precedents. Prereq: ART 370.

ART 480 - Art History Guided Study (3)

Guided study and/or selected research in an area of art history that is of particular interest or has a personal application to the student's field of study.

ART 494 - Internship (1)

Independent study in which the student gains practical experience while working in an art/graphic design-related business. Grading is pass/fail. Co-req: ART 455.

ART 495 - Game and Animation Development Studio (3)

Through hands-on experience, students will apply their skills to create an animated short or video game. This class provides a sense of immersion into the industry with a simulated professional environment. Students will gain experience in content creation within a limited resource environment, with an emphasis on production-oriented goals, in order to provide students with the professional skills needed to work with others in a production pipeline. Prereq: ART 395 or COSC 360.

Biblical and Religious Studies

Of related interest: UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4).

BREL 101 - Introduction to Biblical and Religious Studies (1)

This course is an introduction and invitation to biblical and religious studies. It is intended for students who would like to explore what these subjects are all about. We'll read great texts and have conversations about a range of interesting and important topics, such as the purpose of college education, the value of studying the Bible, theology, and religion in that context, the basic contours of these topics, and the skills these topics require and develop. Restricted to freshmen and sophomores (except with permission of the instructor). Offered: Spring.

BREL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)

Examination of contemporary social-ethical issues in light of Christian ethical principles, derived from scripture and church history. Cross-listed with PHIL 200. Offered: Fall.

BREL 201 - Introduction to World Religions (4)

Investigation of the major world religions, emphasizing their distinctive histories, beliefs, and practices. Offered: Every semester.

BREL 210 - God and Nature (4)

This course explores the various ways that science and Christianity have interacted from the Scientific Revolution to the present. It will study the histories, methods, similarities, differences, conflicts, and collaborations between science and faith throughout the past 400 years. The class will especially focus on questions of God's relationship to nature, including the topics of miracles, design, naturalism, and providence. Offered: Fall.

BREL 221 - Christian Theology (4)

Survey of the historical development and contemporary interpretation of the main teachings of Christian faith. Offered: Every semester.

BREL 230 - Formation for Christian Ministry (4)

Designed for persons seeking to understand and interpret their call to ministry. Offered: Spring.

BREL 240 - Church Dynamics (4)

This course introduces students to local church dynamics through social science research on churches, practical tools for church life, and frameworks for church health. This course also provides opportunities for students to learn about their personality and leadership styles and to explore how these styles can inform their ministry and worship in local churches. The course content also applies to Jewish synagogues and other religious congregations. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BREL 250 - Practice of Ministry Internship (1-4)

Internship in a local church or religious organization. Variable credit (1-4). May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: UCS 102, UCT 102, and two BREL courses (200-499). Offered: Every semester.

BREL 270 - Research or Teaching Assistant in Biblical and Religious Studies (1 or 2)

This course provides a student with the opportunity to work closely with a faculty mentor in carrying out tasks common to teachers and scholars, while being mentored by a full-time faculty member and gaining insider knowledge of their work and life experience. This course may only be taken at the invitation of a full-time member of the Department of Biblical and Religious Studies. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: As needed.

BREL 300 - Method and Research (4)

Development of analytical, research, and writing skills in the various disciplines within biblical and religious studies in a small seminar format. Students engage in reading and analysis of both primary and secondary materials and complete a directed research paper. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BREL 301 - Creation and Covenant in the Old Testament (4)

Examination of principal texts on creation and covenant in the Old Testament, with an emphasis on literary composition, extrabiblical parallels, and theological content. Students will investigate the probable meaning of these texts in their earliest settings and their appropriation in later religious communities. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 305 - Studies in the Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (4)

Examination of the literary character and function of the Psalms in Israel, including analysis of the literary masterpiece and spiritual classic known as Job. Also includes review of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and other poetical books. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

BREL 306 - Wisdom in the Bible and Beyond (4)

This course will explore the biblical theme of wisdom across the Bible and put that biblical conception of wisdom in dialogue with multiple cultural and religious perspectives, ancient and modern, that likewise struggle to discover where true wisdom may be found. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 308 - Studies in the Prophets (4)

Exploration of the background and message of Israel's great preachers, the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament, and the relevance of their insights for today. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 311 - Defiant Faith: Biblical and Contemporary Responses to Suffering (4)

Students are invited into two primary sources to explore biblical responses to suffering: the Bible itself and the lives of those in the Birmingham community bearing up against this broken world. The course aims to develop in students a greater understanding of the Bible's rich, diverse resources for responding to the vicissitudes of life and a greater love and compassion for those in their community who have encountered such challenges. It reclaims the biblical tradition of defiant faith and its potential to support those suffering today. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 312 - Gods and Monsters: The Religions and Cultures of the Ancient Near East (4)

Introduction to the history, culture, religion, and literature of the ancient Near East. This course will examine important texts from Mesopotamia such as the Gilgamesh Epic, the Babylonian Story of Creation, and the Code of Hammurabi. Special attention will be given to the ways in which this enduring culture influenced the Bible itself. Offered: Fall.

BREL 315 - The Cultural World of Jesus (4)

An introduction to the culture (including material culture), social systems, and geography of Palestine during the ministry of Jesus. Offered: As needed.

BREL 316 - Jesus and the Gospels (4)

An examination of the Gospels and their presentation of Jesus the Messiah. Prereq: UCBF 101. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 317 - Gospel of Matthew (4)

This course explores the Gospel of Matthew with a focus on key theological themes, and issues involved in its interpretation. We will consider how the literary, historical, and theological dimensions of this gospel illuminate its portraits of Jesus, the disciples, Israel, and the nations. This course also explores the significance Matthew's Gospel for the church and its mission. Prereq: UCBF 101.

BREL 320 - Life and Letters of Paul (4)

An examination of the ministry, letters, theology, and legacy of the apostle Paul. Prereq: UCBF 101. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 322 - Paul's Letter to the Romans (4)

This course explores Paul's letter to the Romans with a focus on key theological themes and issues involved in its interpretation. We will consider how the literary, historical, and theological dimensions of this letter illuminate Paul's theology and his mission to the gentiles. This course also explores the significance of Romans for the church and its mission today. Prereq: UCBF 101. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 324 - Martyrdom and Apocalypticism (4)

An examination of later writings of the New Testament in light of the church's precarious position in the late first century and of Greco-Roman culture. Prereq: UCBF 101. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 328 - The Johannine Writings (4)

An examination of the Gospel and Letters of John with attention to John's distinctive vision of Jesus and the Christian community. Prereq: UCBF 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BREL 332 - The Interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament (4)

An introduction to issues in the interpretation of the Old Testament within the New Testament. Distinctive uses and applications of Old Testament themes and texts in the New Testament will be considered, and sample texts from various authors and books will provide a foundation for discussion and further research. Emphasis will be given to understanding New Testament authors as biblical interpreters and biblical theologians who are informed by their knowledge and experience of Christ and the practical and theological challenges of the early church. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 336 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)

An introduction to the study of major pagan religions of the Greco-Roman period, with attention to pagan influences on emerging Christianity. Cross-listed with CLAS 345. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 340 - Archaeology and the Lands of the Bible (4)

An introduction to the history, methods, and results of archaeology as it is practiced in the lands of the Bible. Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 342 - Israel: Exploring the Biblical World (4)

Lying at the most important crossroads of the ancient world, the land of Israel has played a role in human history that far exceeds its modest borders. In this course, students will examine the geography and history of the land of Israel and the religions and cultures this land has produced through on-site study at locations including Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beer Sheva, Masada, Jericho, Hazor, Nazareth, Caesarea, the Sea of Galilee, and the Dead Sea. Particular attention is given to the implications these sites provide for understanding biblical texts. Offered: May Term.

BREL 344 - Field Methods in Archaeology (4)

Hands-on instruction in field methods of excavation and recording at an archaeological site. Taught in Israel. Co-req: BREL 346. Offered: Summer.

BREL 346 - Archaeology of Early Judaism and Christianity (4)

Survey of the history of Israel and the lands of the Bible during the Hellenistic through the Byzantine periods, correlating the evidence from ancient written sources with the archaeology of the region to present a picture of politics, religion, and economics from a historical perspective. Taught in Israel. Co-req: BREL 344. Offered: Summer.

BREL 350 - History of Christianity (4)

Survey of the history of Christianity, acquainting students with the institutional and cultural heritage of the Christian church. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BREL 352 - Global Christianity (4)

This course explores the diverse expressions of Christianity around the world with an emphasis on Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Prereqs: UCT 102, UCS 102, and UCBF 101, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 354 - Religion in America: Awakenings and Denominations (4)

Examines the history of religion in North America, especially the United States, including its contemporary forms and interaction with politics and culture. Attention is given to the various awakenings, revivals, and movements that have shaped the development of American religion as well as to the variety of denominations and organizations that structure life. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BREL 356 - Race, Ethnicity, and Religion in America (4)

Examines the role of the construction of race and ethnicity in the religious history of the United States and neighboring countries. Also examines the history of minority religious movements. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BREL 360 - Sociology of Religion (4)

Analysis of beliefs, practices, and the organized expression of religion and society. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Cross-listed with SOCI 333. Offered: Spring.

BREL 362 - Religion and Film (4)

Exploration of theological and religious themes, symbols, motifs, and images through the medium of film. In order to support theological and religious inquiry about cinema, students also develop a working knowledge of film analysis. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 364 - Philosophy of Religion (4)

Investigation of philosophical issues in religious thought, including such issues as proofs and disproofs of God's existence, the meaning of religious language, truth-claims in different religions, and related matters. Cross-listed with PHIL 311. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BREL 365 - Interfaith Understanding: Knowing Our Religious Neighbors (4)

Religious diversity is a feature of contemporary Christian life, thought, and practice. This course offers a community-based learning opportunity for students to know their religious neighbors by engaging in interfaith work in the Birmingham area. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BREL 366 - Women and Religion (4)

Examination of images and roles of women in Christianity and other major world religions. It includes the examination of religious ideology and its role in shaping social life, the many ways in which women exercise authority in religious traditions, the ways in which women have been innovative in those

traditions, and the ways in which women have reinterpreted and re-appropriated patriarchal texts and structures. Cross-listed with SOCI 373. Prereq: UCT 102. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 368 - Religion and the Body: Body Images and Practices across Religious Traditions (4)

Virtually all religions have something to say about the body: its holiness, its repulsiveness, its divinity, its profanity, its promise as a vehicle for salvation, or its peril as a vehicle of degradation. This seminar examines the distinctive, familiar, and unfamiliar ways in which religious traditions understand the body. Utilizing specific case-studies across religious traditions, this course explores the bodily phenomena of ritual, sacrifice, asceticism, dress (and nakedness), sexuality (and asexuality), and dietary practices, among others. Throughout the course, theoretical and methodological frameworks for understanding the body across religious traditions will be illuminated. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 370 - Religions of Asia (4)

Investigation of religions of South, Southeast, and East Asia, emphasizing their distinctive histories, beliefs, and practices. Offered: Spring.

BREL 372 - Foundations of Islamic Civilization (4)

This course examines the early development of the global phenomenon of Islam and Islamic civilization. It begins with a description of Near East cultures at the end of Late Antiquity and concludes with the Ottomans. The course treats Islamic civilization as a historical process that was expressed differently in various periods and regions. Students will read portions of chronicles and selections from the Qur'an and hadith. Cross-listed with HIST 333. Offered: On rotation.

BREL 376 - Monarchs, Bishops, and Martyrs: The English Reformation (4)

Study of historical and religious factors of the English Reformation. Course is taught in London with visits to historical sites. Cross-listed with POLS 390. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: May Term.

BREL 378 - Baptists: Their History and Theology (4)

Survey of Baptist history from its beginnings in Europe and in colonial and revolutionary, with emphasis on the origin and development of the Southern Baptist Convention. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: On rotation.

BREL 380 - Christian Worship: History and Theology (4)

Survey of the history, theology, and contemporary diversity of Christian worship. Examination of key issues in the development and practice of Christian worship through theological and liturgical texts and participant observation. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 384 - Christian Spirituality (4)

Study of the major works on Christian spirituality, with a goal to gaining knowledge of and appreciation for the spiritual tradition in the church. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 388 - Contemporary Theology (4)

Examination of important theological movements of the modern era with an emphasis on church-related theologians. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 392 - Pastoral Theology (4)

Exploration of the nature of pastoral ministry in the cultural context of the 21st century, focusing on the biblical, historical, and theological foundations of pastoral care. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 402 - Faith Development (4)

The course examines contemporary theories of faith development and sociological research on how families shape people's faith. Students have opportunities to apply the course content through developing strategies for ministering to specific groups (e.g., children, teens, and young adults), analyzing others' narratives, and reflecting on their own faith journeys. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BREL 404 - Preaching (4)

Examination of the principles of Biblical preaching, with a view of moving from the text to the sermon, including the disciplines of sermon preparation and delivery. Prereqs: UCBF 101 and UCS 102. Offered: Spring.

BREL 406 - Singing the Faith (3)

Survey of the history and practice of congregational song, with primary focus on texts and secondary attention to functional use of music. Application of this literature in the design and leadership of worship. Cross-listed with WRDL 3130. Offered: On rotation.

BREL 408 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)

Study of various arts employed in private and public worship practices from biblical times to the present. Examines artistic contributions such as architecture, dance, drama, film, music, literature, and visual arts, and their historical, theological, cultural, and pastoral significance for the church local and global. Cross-listed with WRDL 3210. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 412 - Holistic Missions and Ministry (4)

Introduction to holistic cross-cultural missions and ministry, focusing on the biblical, historical, and theological foundations for practical gospel ministry in cross-cultural contexts of the 21st century. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BREL 414 - Conflict, Change, and Misconduct in Ministry (4)

Most people hope that conflict, decline, and misconduct will never happen in their church or ministry. These things do occur, however, even in ministry contexts where no one would expect them. This class is based on the assumption that everyone in ministry needs to be aware of these challenges, to have procedures for preventing damaging occurrences, and to know how to respond when these things happen. The course content applies to local churches, denominations, parachurch ministries, and missions organizations. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BREL 416 - Pastoral Care (4)

Internship in hospital chaplaincy with Brookwood Baptist Health. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 418 - Worship Design (3)

Study of musical, theological, pastoral, philosophical, and technological principles that inform public Christian worship. Application of principles through guided experience in worship planning and leadership. Cross-listed with WRDL 4140. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BREL 420 - Christian Faith and Community Service (4)

Many Christians serve, volunteer, and give in their communities as an expression of their faith. This course provides a service-learning opportunity where students engage in community ministry through a local congregation or non-profit ministry, and it supplements this experience through research on how faith informs volunteering, charitable giving, and helping others. In addition, it equips students with practical tools for ministering in the community in healthy ways. Prereqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BREL 491 - Independent Study in Religion (1-3)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in religion intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular biblical and religious studies course offerings. Grading is pass/fail. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 492 - Independent Study in Religion (2)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in religion intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular biblical and religious studies course offerings. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 493 - Independent Study in Religion (3)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in religion intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular biblical and religious studies course offerings. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 494 - Independent Study in Religion (4)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in religion intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular biblical and religious studies course offerings. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor.

BREL 496 - Special Topics in Biblical and Religious Studies (4)

Unique, one-time courses offered either by visiting professors or as experimental courses by members of the department. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits, if topics are different.

BREL 497 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

BREL 498 - Senior Seminar (4)

Correlation of the various studies within the biblical studies and Christian and religious studies majors, focusing on a senior assessment paper.

Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCS 102, and UCT 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

Biblical Languages

HEBR 101 - Elementary Hebrew I (4)

Introduction to the vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of Biblical Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament, enabling students to translate Hebrew prose and simple poetry with the help of a standard Hebrew-English dictionary. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

HEBR 102 - Elementary Hebrew II (4)

Second in a two-semester sequence introducing vocabulary, grammar, and syntax of Biblical Hebrew, enabling students to translate Hebrew prose and simple poetry with the help of a standard Hebrew-English dictionary. Prereq: HEBR 101, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

HEBR 201 - Intermediate Hebrew I (4)

Builds on proficiency obtained in HEBR 101 and HEBR 102, requiring extended readings of prose, poetry, and several books of the Old Testament in Biblical Hebrew, with particular attention to enhancing competency in philology and syntax. Prereq: HEBR 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

HEBR 202 - Intermediate Hebrew II (4)

Second in a two-semester sequence, requiring extended readings of prose, poetry, and several books of the Old Testament in Biblical Hebrew, with particular attention to enhancing competency in philology and syntax. Prereq: HEBR 201, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

Biology

Of related interest: IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4).

BIOL 101 - Principles of Biology I (3)

Broad overview of the basic principles of life. Topics include basic biochemistry, cellular structure and processes, Mendelian and population genetics, evolution, ecology, conservation biology, and a survey of biodiversity including bacteria, protists, fungi, plants, and animals. Co-req: BIOL 102. Offered: Every Term. (Formerly BIOL 105)

BIOL 102 - Principles of Biology I Laboratory (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Principles of Biology I (BIOL 101) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in the lecture. Students will learn basic laboratory techniques, data analysis, and scientific communication skills, as well as gain an understanding of the experimental basis of biological knowledge. Co-req: BIOL 101. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 103 - Principles of Biology II (3)

Study of the principles of life focused on the anatomical and physiological challenges of maintaining homeostasis in animals and humans. Co-req: BIOL 104. Offered: Every Term. (Formerly BIOL 106)

BIOL 104 - Principles of Biology II Lab (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Principles of Biology II (BIOL 103) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in the lecture. Students will learn basic laboratory techniques, data analysis, and scientific communication skills, as well as gain an understanding of the experimental basis of biological knowledge. Co-req: BIOL 103. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 110 - Human Biology (4)

Study of the biological principles of the human body from a human biology anatomical, physiological, and ecosociological perspective. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 112 - Plant Biology (4)

Study of the form, function, and classification of the plant kingdom. Includes laboratory. Offered: As needed.

BIOL 115 - Animal Biology (3)

Study of animal life from a cellular to organismal level with emphasis on animal taxonomy and environmental relationships. Designed for non-biology majors. Co-req: BIOL 116. Offered: Spring. (Formerly BIOL 111)

BIOL 116 - Animal Biology Lab (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Animal Biology (BIOL 115) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in the lecture. Students will learn basic laboratory techniques, data analysis, and scientific communication skills, as well as gain an understanding of the experimental basis of biological knowledge. Co-req: BIOL 115. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 117 - Contemporary Biology (3)

Survey of contemporary biology, with emphasis on the interactions of humans with the biological world. Designed for non-biology majors. Co-req: BIOL 118. Offered: Every Term. (Formerly BIOL 107)

BIOL 118 - Contemporary Biology Laboratory (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Contemporary Biology (BIOL 117) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in the lecture. Students will learn basic laboratory techniques, data analysis, and scientific communication skills, as well as gain an understanding of the experimental basis of biological knowledge. Co-req: BIOL 117. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 203 - Foundations of Biology I (4)

This is one half of a two-semester course series offering a comprehensive exploration of the fundamental principles, phenomena, and opportunities in biology. Through a survey approach, students will, over one year, delve into the vast and interconnected branches of this dynamic science, gaining a broad understanding of life's processes from microscopic to macroscopic levels. Topics include molecular and cellular biology, genetics, metabolism, and evolution. Through lectures, laboratory experiments, and discussions, students will understand foundational concepts and scientific communication and develop critical thinking and laboratory skills. Offered: Every term.

BIOL 204 - Foundations of Biology II (4)

Study of the phylogeny, nomenclature, structure, and function of plants, animals, fungi, bacteria, and protista in relation to the principles of ecology. This course is a prerequisite for all upper-level biology courses. Includes laboratory. In this course, we will explore the diversity, structure, function, and life cycles of plants, animals, fungi, bacteria, and protists. We will develop an understanding of the ecological relationships that surround all organisms at the individual, population, community, and ecosystem scale. Offered: Every term.

BIOL 205 - Biology in Great Britain (4)

Survey of the contributions of the British to major concepts in biology such as DNA structure, natural selection, the experimental method, medicine, and biotechnology. Includes visits to museums of medicine and natural history, Kew Botanical Gardens, the London Zoo, Downe House of Kent, and other places of interest. Suitable for biology majors, minors, and interested non-majors.

BIOL 221 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Science I (3)

This course is the first in a two-course sequence. Introductory exploration of microscopic and gross anatomy and basic physiology of the human body. Includes review of cell structure, tissue structure, and detailed anatomical and physiological studies of the human organ systems. Designed for students majoring in nursing, pre-pharmacy, sport administration, sports medicine, allied health fields, or psychology. Students majoring in other areas must have special permission of the instructor. This course does not meet any requirements for the major (in biology or environmental science). Co-req: BIOL 222. Offered: Every Term. (Formerly BIOL 217)

BIOL 222 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences I Lab (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Science I (BIOL 221) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in lecture. Co-req: BIOL 221. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 223 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II (3)

Introductory exploration of the basic physiology of the human body and the principles fundamental to normal and pathological functioning. Designed for students majoring in nursing, pre-pharmacy, sport administration, sports medicine, allied health fields, or psychology. Students majoring in other areas must have special permission of the instructor. Lecture and lab format. This course does not meet any requirements for the major (in biology or environmental science). Prereqs: BIOL 221 and BIOL 222 with a grade of C- or better. Co-req: BIOL 224. Offered: Every Term. (Formerly BIOL 218)

BIOL 224 - Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Sciences II Lab (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Human Anatomy and Physiology for Health Science I (BIOL 223) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in lecture. Prereq: BIOL 221. Co-req: BIOL 223. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 225 - Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences (3)

Introduction to the study of microorganisms with special emphasis on their relation to human health and welfare. Co-req: BIOL 226. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 226 - Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences Lab (1)

This laboratory course accompanies Microbiology for Allied Health Sciences (BIOL 225) and provides hands-on experience with the concepts covered in lecture. Co-req: BIOL 225. Offered: Every Term.

BIOL 300 - Neurobiology of Mental Health and Disorders (4)

Study of the history of neuroscience, its scope and definition, neuron function, basic brain anatomy, basic neurochemistry, and the biological aspects of the major psychiatric disorders. Cross-listed with NSCI 300. Prereq: One semester of biology. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BIOL 301 - Mammalian Anatomy (4)

Anatomical and histological study of the mammalian and human organ systems. Human cadaver dissection will be used to enhance anatomical demonstrations. Strongly recommended for students intending to pursue a biomedical graduate program. Includes laboratory. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204.

BIOL 302 - Mammalian Physiology (4)

Study of the function of the mammalian and human organ systems. Each week consists of four hours of lecture, laboratory demonstrations, films, slides, and case studies with an emphasis on normal and pathological conditions and critical thinking. Strongly recommended for students intending to pursue a biomedical graduate program. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. May be taken concurrently with BIOL 301.

BIOL 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)

Interdisciplinary biological and computational approach to science to gain new insights into complex living systems. Methods developed in this discipline address outstanding questions in medicine, behavior, health, pharmacy, genetics, the environment, and other biologically related areas. Cross-listed with COSC 306. Prereq for all majors: BIOL 203, or permission of the instructor. Additional prereq for computer science majors: COSC 110, with a grade of C or better. Offered: As needed.

BIOL 311 - Biomedical Techniques (4)

This course is designed for students interested in biomedical sciences and challenges students to investigate current medical practices using technology and advances in health care research. Topics include histology, medical terminology, ethics, forensic medicine, infectious diseases, organ transplants, cell biology and cancer, and biomedical research. Basic tissue types and major organ systems of mammals will be examined using microscopy. Lectures and discussions will focus on the relationship of tissue structure to cell and organ functions and the effects of injury or disease on microscopic structures. Recommended for students seeking professional careers or graduate school. Includes laboratory. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

BIOL 314 - Developmental Biology (4)

Comparative study of the origin and development of vertebrate embryos, emphasizing developmental principles. Includes laboratory. Prereq: BIOL 203. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 319 - Island Ecology (4)

International travel course to tropical or subtropical island ecosystems (Belize or Andros Island, Bahamas). Focus on terrestrial and marine ecosystems and the impact of human culture and economy. Offered: May or Summer Term.

BIOL 320 - Introduction to Neuroscience (4)

This course provides the scientific foundation to understand the human nervous system. The course will relate neuroanatomy, membrane biophysics, synaptic transmissions, and neural systems with human cognitive function in health and disease. No neuroscience background is assumed beyond an introductory course in psychology, biology, or related field. Prereq: BIOL 103 and BIOL 104 plus BIOL 203. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BIOL 324 - Introduction to Toxicology (4)

Introduction to the scope and history of toxicology, providing basic information on home/workplace health and safety. Includes review of OSHA/EPA regulations relevant to the citizens' rights-to-know with respect to toxicants in their communities and workplaces. Designed for the nonscientist and especially for business majors. Includes laboratory. Prereq: Any 100-level biology course. Offered through Continuing Studies as ECBI 324.

BIOL 325 - General Microbiology (4)

Study of the form and function of microbial organisms, especially bacteria, and of their relation to man. Restricted to biology majors. LEC 4, LAB 3.

Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BIOL 326 - Environmental Science (4)

A survey of the basic principles of environmental science, utilizing and synthesizing key ideas in disciplines such as ecology, economics, and earth systems science to understand how humans interact with and alter the natural world. Students will explore current environmental issues using assigned readings, seminars, presentations, directed discussion, and debate. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, or one year of biology with permission of department. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 327 - Introduction to Marine Biology (3)

Marine biology encompasses the entire realm of biology, with the unifying theme of the ocean providing the underpinning for the discipline. The course includes basic principles from various sub-disciplines including ecology, molecular biology, physiology, and microbiology, as well as applied research in fisheries, conservation biology, aquaculture, resource management, and public policy. The course introduces the marine environment and provides an overview of the organisms found in the oceans, ocean edges, specific habitat types such as kelp beds, rocky intertidal, and coral reefs. The course investigates environmentally relevant topics such as global warming, fisheries, harmful algal blooms, and pollution. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

BIOL 333 - Genetics (4)

An introduction to the science of heredity covering transmission and molecular genetics principles seen throughout the living world and their role in the study of the genome. Includes laboratory. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BIOL 334 - Experimental Genetics (4)

Laboratory-based study of current genetic laboratory methodologies, including cytogenetics and karyotypic analysis, transmission analysis, DNA isolation and fragmentation, cloning, chromosome mapping, and fingerprinting. Prereq: BIOL 333. Offered: As needed.

BIOL 335 - Biological and Environmental Perspectives in Community Health (4)

Hybrid course that employs both online preparation and regional travel to explore the impacts of biological and environmental perturbations on community health. Biology students will work alongside public health students to address issues of environmental health and justice, and collect data that elucidate the biological and environmental contributions to a community-based and class-defined community health challenge. Prereq: BIOL 203. Offered: On rotation. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 337 - Infectious Diseases (4)

Detailed study of microbe-host interaction and the linkage of basic microbiology to clinical infectious diseases. Designed to extend and enhance the knowledge of pre-health professionals beyond the material covered in introductory or general microbiology courses. Prereq: BIOL 225 or BIOL 325.

BIOL 340 - Amazon Rain Forest (4)

Field investigation of the Peruvian Amazon Rain Forest ecosystem. Emphasis on the complex relationship between tropical plants, vertebrate and invertebrate animals, and natives of the area. Offered: May or Summer Term.

BIOL 344 - Principles of Immunology (4)

Study of the immune system and host defense strategies against microorganisms and tumors. Recommended for students planning a health-related clinical or research career. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204.

BIOL 350 - Population Biology (4)

The basic concepts of population biology and population genetics are explored to provide an in-depth understanding of evolutionary and conservation biology. Population biology deals with the biotic and abiotic factors that influence population size and stability. Variation in these factors leads to temporal and spatial differences among populations. Major topics include genetic diversity and factors affecting diversity, population viability, population growth, demographic variation/stability and metapopulation theory. Prereqs: BIOL 203, BIOL 204, and BIOL 333. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

BIOL 353 - Special Topics in Neuroscience (4)

Neuroscience is a rapidly expanding field in science, advertising, economics, and clinical practice. The daily advances that are relevant to students' futures are too novel and in-depth for an introductory or survey course. This course allows faculty and students to explore emerging topics that are not covered in normal course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, with permission of the department chair. Prereq: BIOL 302 or BIOL 320. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 361 - Hospital Internship (2-4)

Supervised internship in a hospital setting, with exposure to various aspects of hospital operations. Grading is pass/fail.

BIOL 399 - Special Topics in Biology (4)

Biology is a diverse field at the forefront of technology that contributes to a broad understanding of life on earth. This course allows faculty and students to explore emerging topics that are not covered in normal course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, with permission of the department chair. Offered: Every semester.

BIOL 402 - Challenge to Sustainability: Conserving East Africa's Biodiversity (4)

Exploration of local, national, and international efforts to manage and conserve East Africa's biodiversity. Topics include the biogeography of East Africa, its people, history, current conservation issues and the role of sustainable development in the conservation of natural resources. Includes a 15-day safari to East African countries with visits and fieldwork at selected game reserves, discovery centers, and national parks. Offered: May or Summer Term.

BIOL 403 - Invertebrate Field Zoology (4)

Study of the classification, morphology, physiology, and natural history of invertebrate phyla. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Fall.

BIOL 405 - Cell and Molecular Biology (4)

A study of the cellular and molecular mechanisms of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell function with an emphasis on how the Central Dogma (DNA --> RNA -> protein) governs the life of the cell. Lectures are supplemented by a student laboratory project. Includes laboratory. Prereq: BIOL 333. Offered: Fall.

BIOL 406 - Experimental Cell Biology (4)

Introduction to the science and methods of techniques used to study the cell and its functions in a lecture/laboratory-based course. Includes laboratory techniques used in microscopy, cell fractionation, protein purification, enzyme analysis, and DNA manipulation. Prereqs: BIOL 203, BIOL 204, and BIOL 405. Offered: Fall. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4)

Advanced topics in bioinformatics including in-depth investigation of algorithms, innovative techniques, alternative paradigms, advanced database interaction, and algorithm implementation. Cross-listed with COSC 407. Prereqs: BIOL 203, BIOL 333, COSC 110, and COSC 210; plus BIOL 306 or COSC 306. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 416 - Vertebrate Field Zoology (4)

Field study of the classification and identification of the major groups of vertebrate animals. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 422 - Plant Taxonomy and Local Flora (4)

Study of the systems of plant classification, emphasizing recognition of local flora. LEC 2, LAB 4. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Offered: Spring.

BIOL 425 - Basic Pathology (4)

Study of the basic causes and mechanisms of cellular and organ dysfunction due to the influences of disease and chemical agents. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: BIOL 301 and BIOL 302. Offered: Spring. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 432 - Internship in Biological or Environmental Science (4)

Supervised work experience in a local organization dealing with the environment. Offered: As needed.

BIOL 436 - Ecology (4)

Field-based investigation of the distribution and interactions of organisms with emphasis on natural history and communities. The laboratory demonstrates basic techniques of designing and carrying out field experiments, collecting and analyzing data, and communicating one's conclusions at a professional level. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204. Suggested Prereqs: BIOL 422 and/or GEOG 216. Offered: Fall.

BIOL 438 - Biology Seminar (4)

Biology capstone course which emphasizes critical thinking and scientific writing/speaking. Required of all biology majors during the senior year. Prereqs: BIOL 203, BIOL 204, and BIOL 333; plus BIOL 326 or BIOL 436.

BIOL 439 - Research (1)

Independent, directed-field, or laboratory research. Research topics must be selected by the student and approved by the Independent Research Screening Committee before registration. This course will not satisfy any of the credits of upper-level biology electives required for a major in biology nor the laboratory science general education requirement. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, plus permission of a supervising biology professor and approved project proposal. Offered: Fall and Spring. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 440 - Research (2)

Independent, directed-field, or laboratory research. Research topics must be selected by the student and approved by the Independent Research Screening Committee before registration. This course will not satisfy any of the credits of upper-level biology electives required for a major in biology nor the laboratory science general education requirement. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, plus permission of a supervising biology professor and approved project proposal. Offered: Fall and Spring. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 441 - Research (3)

Independent, directed-field, or laboratory research. Research topics must be selected by the student and approved by the Independent Research Screening Committee before registration. This course will not satisfy any of the credits of upper-level biology electives required for a major in biology nor the laboratory science general education requirement. Prereqs: BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, plus permission of a supervising biology professor and approved project proposal. Offered: Fall and Spring. Includes laboratory.

BIOL 448 - Biology Research Capstone (4)

Biology capstone course that provides students the opportunity for mentored independent research in an area of interest while refining and applying professional skills (e.g., critical thinking, data analysis, scientific writing, and scientific presentation). Designed to be taken during the senior year, this course is an alternative to BIOL 438. Prereq: All core requirements for the major completed with a C or higher. Permission of instructor required. Offered: Fall.

Brock Scholars

BSBB 201 - Brock Scholars Internship (3)

Increasingly, business and nonprofit leaders design, grow, and lead enterprises that extend beyond traditional business. As the traditional lines blur between nonprofit enterprises, government, and business, it is critical that business students understand the opportunities and challenges in this new landscape. Through first-hand field experience, Brock Scholars will explore this emerging trend and its relationship to broader issues regarding virtuous and ethical business behavior. Students will partner with local for-profit and nonprofit organizations in this individualized, experiential learning program. This course includes several seminars, presentations, and counseling at Samford in conjunction with on-site learning taking place at the business organization. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program. Offered: Fall.

BSBB 301 - Summer Fellowship (1)

Increasingly, business and nonprofit leaders design, grow, and lead enterprises that extend beyond traditional business. As the traditional lines blur between nonprofit enterprises, government, and business, it is critical that business students understand the opportunities and challenges in this new landscape. Through first-hand field experience, Brock Scholars will explore this emerging trend and its relationship to broader issues regarding virtuous and ethical business behavior. Students will partner with regional, national, or international for-profit and nonprofit organizations in this individualized, experiential learning program. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Prereq: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program. Offered: Summer.

BSBB 302 - Oxbridge Tutorial (1)

Students will work with a single faculty member to explore a topic in a functional area of business using the Oxbridge tutorial method. Through meetings with a faculty member at which a paper will be presented orally and in writing, the student will develop critical thinking, research, and written and oral communication skills. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Prereq: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

BSBB 410 - Senior Research Project I (2)

Seminar designed to prepare students to write their Brock Scholars senior project proposal. The seminar provides an introduction to research proposal writing, basic research design, and the construction of a research project. By the end of the seminar each student will have a detailed proposal of his/her project, an annotated bibliography, and the first chapter of the project paper. Prereq: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program. Offered: Fall.

BSBB 420 - Senior Research Project II (2)

Seminar designed to assist students with the creation of their Brock Scholars senior projects. The seminar provides an overview of research methods, including basic methods of data gathering and data analysis, and summarizing research findings. By the end of the seminar each student will have produced a completed senior research project. Prereqs: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program and BSBB 410. Offered: Spring.

BSBB 430 - Brock Scholars Seminar (3)

Explores the fundamental principles and best practices for managing organizational ethics, compliance, and social responsibility in today's business environment. Topics and assignments cover both domestic and international business issues, emphasizing the challenges of making decisions in a climate of increasing demands for transparency and accountability. Through focused readings, simulated organizational scenarios, meetings with executives, and class discussions, students will develop competencies in managing employee and corporate conduct. Prereqs: Admission to the Brock Scholars Program and junior/senior status. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

Business Administration

BUSA 100 - World of Business (3)

Examination of current issues that businesses face as they operate in a global environment. Includes simulation, readings, business plan development, and teamwork to provide an understanding of major business functions and how they interrelate in actual practice. Designed for first-year students considering a business major. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

BUSA 200 - Business Communications (3)

Study of communication concepts, techniques, and applications from a business perspective. Class focuses on business writing and presentation skills. Enrollment restricted to freshmen and sophomores. Offered: Fall and Spring. Co-req: ACCT 211 or ACCT 212.

BUSA 222 - Personal Finance (3)

Managing personal finances has become increasingly complex in recent years. Financial institutions are subject to fewer regulations and are offering consumers more options. Homebuyers face an array of alternative mortgages. Car buyers can lease or purchase. Corporations are altering retirement plans. How much and what type of insurance coverage is becoming increasingly complex. Students today are interested in the practical application of concepts and techniques for managing their personal finance. This course addresses the needs of students in making informed decisions that will affect their financial future. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BUSA 252 - Legal Environment of Business (3)

Study of the fundamental areas of law that impact business and the government's role in the development of those laws. Through cases and lectures, the interrelationship of these two dominant institutions of our society are analyzed. Specific areas addressed include the regulation of employment, the law of contracts, torts, administrative agencies, international law, and Article 2 (sales) of the Uniform Commercial Code. Prereq: Sophomore standing or higher. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BUSA 308 - Web Design for Business Use (3)

Study of activities involved in starting a company that would be based on the World Wide Web. Activities include: 1) assessment of potential business opportunities, 2) development of preliminary business plan, 3) design of technology process, and 4) hands-on implementation of technology procedures. Students design and develop websites utilizing software applications. Class time includes both classroom and computer lab settings.

BUSA 391 - Financial Implications of International Business (3)

Purpose of course is two-fold: 1) In the area of subject matter knowledge, course is designed to supplement and broaden students' knowledge of international financial management practices, both through their own readings and research, and through direct contacts with key financial managers in the United Kingdom. 2) In the area of global awareness, students will acquire a greater understanding of the impact of cultural, political, and regulatory similarities and differences that affect the business environment of firms operating in the United States compared to those operating in Europe generally, and in the United Kingdom in particular.

BUSA 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

BUSA 410 - Real Estate Principles (3)

An introduction to real estate topics, including terminology, law, brokerage, contracts, and valuation. Specific characteristics of real property markets examined include the role of government and taxation, capital market sources of funds, and the mortgage lending process. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

BUSA 420 - Real Estate Law (3)

An introduction to real estate legal topics, including contract law, co-ownership, closings, landlord-tenant relations, easement rights, title search and insurance, agency law, environmental law, zonings, and tort law in real estate. Prereq: Completion of the Pre-Business Curriculum.

BUSA 454 - Business Law (3)

Study of business and law that began in Legal Environment of Business (BUSA 252). Specific areas addressed are agency, partnerships, corporations, real and personal property, bailments, leases, secured transactions, commercial paper, trusts, and descendant's estates. This course is required for the accounting major, the CPA exam, and is a prerequisite for the MAcc program. Prereq: BUSA 252. Offered: Spring.

BUSA 471 - Professional Development Seminar (1)

Series of activities and events scheduled throughout the academic year that focuses on building career skills. The seminar's objective is to engage students in a variety of co-curricular events that will enhance professional development. After gaining admission to the Brock School of Business their junior year, students must attend a total of 10 events approved by the Dean's Office to earn one credit hour prior to graduation. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Admission to the Brock School of Business and senior status. Offered: Fall and Spring.

BUSA 479 - Business Independent Study (3)

Individualized academic work for qualified students under faculty direction. Opportunity to study a specialized topic not covered in regularly scheduled courses. Prereqs: Samford GPA of at least 2.25 and permission from the Office of the Dean, School of Business.

BUSA 486 - Real Estate Internship (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of real estate and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Completion of the Pre-Business Curriculum, plus permission from the Brock School of Business Internship office and real estate faculty. Offered: Every term.

BUSA 495 - London Business Internship (2)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. Study is oriented toward cultural exploration, as well as application of business principles to the workplace environment. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Permission from Office of Internship, School of Business.

BUSA 496 - Business Management Internship I (1-3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. Every attempt is made to match the student's objectives with the internship experience. Study is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Exposes the student to the world of business and the career-planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Permission from the Office of Internship, School of Business. Offered: Every term.

BUSA 497 - Business Management Internship II (2-3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. Every attempt is made to match the student's objectives with the internship experience. Study is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Exposes the student to the world of business and the career-planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Permission from the Office of Internship, School of Business. Offered: Every term.

BUSA 498 - Business Research Project I (3)

Experiential study activity for small groups of selected students. Groups, under the supervision of a faculty member, are placed in a professional work environment in a business enterprise for the purpose of accomplishing a specially designed project. Prereq: Permission from Office of the Dean, School of Business.

BUSA 499 - Business Research Project II (3)

Experiential study activity for small groups of selected students. Groups, under the supervision of a faculty member, are placed in a professional work environment in a business enterprise for the purpose of accomplishing a specially designed project. Prereq: Permission from Office of the Dean, School of Business.

Chemistry

Of related interest: IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4).

CHEM 108 - General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (3)

Study of the chemistry needed to understand human physiology. When taken with CHEM 109, this course meets the chemistry requirement for nursing students and a general education requirement for natural and computational sciences for most other majors. Students who have a C- or better in CHEM 205 may not take CHEM 108 for credit. LEC 3. Co-req: CHEM 109. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 109 - General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 108. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 108. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 205 - Foundations of Chemistry I (4)

Survey of chemical principles. Includes types of chemical reactions, stoichiometry, atomic and molecular structure, chemical bonding, and properties of matter. When taken with CHEM 206, meets a general education requirement for natural and computational sciences for most other majors. Students who have a C- or better in CHEM 205 may not take CHEM 206 for credit. LEC 4. Co-reqs: CHEM 206 and MATH 150, or score on placement exam sufficient to qualify for MATH 240. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 206 - Foundations of Chemistry I Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 205. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 205. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 207 - Foundations of Chemistry II (3)

Sequel to CHEM 205. Includes study of thermochemistry, electrochemistry, chemical equilibria, kinetics, and nuclear chemistry. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or higher in CHEM 205. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 208 - Foundations of Chemistry II Laboratory (1)

Optional laboratory to accompany CHEM 207. Co-req: CHEM 207. LAB 3. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 215 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry (3)

One semester survey of structures and reactions of the principal classes of carbon compounds. This course is not a replacement for CHEM 310. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 205. Co-req: CHEM 216. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 216 - Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 215. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 215. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 310 - Organic Chemistry I (3)

First semester of a two-semester sequence. Study of structures and reactions of alkanes, alkenes, alkynes, halides, alcohols, and ethers. This course is not a replacement for CHEM 215. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 207. Co-req: CHEM 311. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 311 - Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 310. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 310. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 312 - Organic Chemistry II (3)

Second semester of a two-semester sequence, continuation of CHEM 310. Study of structures and reactions of carbonyl compounds, carboxylic acid derivatives, amines, and aromatic compounds. Spectroscopy of organic compounds is also covered. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 310. Co-req: CHEM 313. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 313 - Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 312. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 312. Offered: Fall and Spring.

CHEM 325 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis (3)

Study of quantitative analytical techniques for separating, identifying, and quantifying chemical compounds. Includes statistical analysis and gravimetric, titrimetric, electrochemical, and spectrochemical methods. Emphasis is given to the physical and chemical principles upon which different analytical techniques are based. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 207. Co-req: CHEM 326. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 326 - Quantitative Chemical Analysis Laboratory (1)

Laboratory to accompany CHEM 325. LAB 3. Co-req: CHEM 325. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 345 - Fundamentals of Biochemistry (3)

An introduction to the structure and function of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids including their application to the central metabolic pathways. This course is taught with an emphasis on applications to the allied health fields. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 215. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 350 - Biochemistry (3)

An introduction to the structure and function of proteins, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids including their application to the central metabolic pathways. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 312. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 355 - Inorganic Chemistry (3)

Study of the chemistry of inorganic compounds, reactions, and mechanisms, including coordination compounds and organometallic compounds. LEC 3. Prereqs: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 312. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 365 - Physical Chemistry I (3)

Survey of the theoretical bases on which chemistry rests, including kinetic-molecular theory, thermodynamics, kinetics, and quantum theory. LEC 3. Prereqs: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 215 or CHEM 312; MATH 260; and PHYS 204; or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 367 - Physical Chemistry II (3)

Sequel to CHEM 365. Study of multi-electron quantum mechanics, electrochemistry, group theory, spectroscopy, statistical thermodynamics, the solid state, and surfaces. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 365. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 370 - Unified Laboratory I (2)

First course in the unified laboratory sequence. The unified labs combine elements from traditional upper-level inorganic, physical, instrumental, and biochemistry laboratories. Unified Lab I will explore buffers, thermodynamics of biomolecules, kinetics of inorganic and biological systems, catalysis, stereochemistry, and gas chromatography/mass spectrometry. LAB 6. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 325. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 371 - Advanced Chemistry Laboratory I (3)

First course in the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory sequence. Combined lecture/laboratory survey course that focuses on an understanding and application of instrumental techniques in the areas of analytical, physical, and inorganic chemistry. Topics include: (1) components of spectroscopic instrumentation, (2) atomic spectroscopy (atomic absorption, atomic emission, X-ray methods), and (3) molecular spectroscopy (molecular absorption, molecular luminescence, infrared absorption, Raman scattering). Course is comprised of two lecture periods and one lab period per week. LAB 3, LEC 2. Prereqs: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 325 and CHEM 326. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 372 - Advanced Chemistry Laboratory II (3)

Second course in the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory sequence. Combined lecture/laboratory survey course that focuses on an understanding and application of other instrumental methods in the areas of analytical, physical, and inorganic chemistry. Topics include: (1) mass spectrometry, (2) magnetic resonance spectrometry, (3) electroanalytical methods, (4) separation methods, and (5) surface characterization methods. Course is comprised of two lecture periods and one lab period per week. LAB 3, LEC 2. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 371. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 375 - Unified Laboratory II (2)

Second course in the unified laboratory sequence. The unified labs combine elements from traditional upper-level inorganic, physical, instrumental, and biochemistry laboratories. Unified Lab II will focus on purification in biological systems, electrochemical synthesis, organometallic chemistry, spectroscopic analysis, and coulometry. LAB 6. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 370. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 430 - Advanced Biochemistry (3)

A study of advanced topics in biochemistry including metabolism, signal transduction, and drug discovery. This course is taught with an emphasis on primary literature. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 350. Offered: Spring.

CHEM 435 - Chemical Instrumentation (3)

Sequel to CHEM 325. Study of modern instrumental techniques for the analysis of chemical compounds, including spectroscopic, electrochemical, mass spectrometric, and chromatographic methods. LEC 3. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 325. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 440 - Research/Internship (1, 2, 3, or 4)

Research project or internship under supervision of a faculty member, with results presented in an acceptable paper. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Every semester, with schedule arranged on an individual basis.

CHEM 450 - Biochemistry Laboratory (2)

The isolation, purification, manipulation, and characterization of DNA and proteins. Includes a broad spectrum of classic biochemical techniques, electrophoresis, enzyme kinetics, chromatography, and spectrophotometry. LAB 6. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in CHEM 430; Biochemistry Majors only. Offered: Fall.

CHEM 460 - Senior Seminar (3)

Capstone course. Includes research project selected by the student. LEC 3. Prereq: Senior standing. Offered: Spring.

Christian Ministry

CHRM 101 - Disciplemaking I (1)

This course introduces the basics of Christian disciplemaking, focusing on biblical principles and practices. Classroom instruction and small group interaction with faculty are utilized to examine the subject matter from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 102 - Disciplemaking II (1)

This course builds on the subject of Christian disciplemaking from the Disciplemaking I (CHRM 101) course, surveying common approaches and methods. Classroom instruction and small group interaction with faculty are utilized to examine the subject matter from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Prereq: CHRM 101. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 200 - Christian Vocation and Calling (3)

Christian Vocation and Calling enables students to comprehend their lives in the context of God's grand mission, aiding them in understanding God's work in their life and in the world. Students will seek to grasp God's call to salvation, his call to a life of character and virtue, and will provide clarification to the specifics of their vocational call for a life lived to the glory of God. The course will equip students to discern and articulate a personalized vision statement, resulting in a personalized vocational plan with actionable steps. Students will also be introduced to spiritual rhythms which undergird the Christian life. (Offered for 2 credits in Fall 2025 but offered for 3 credits beginning Spring 2026.)

CHRM 201 - My Major and the Mission of God (1)

This course is a biblical and missiological study of vocation, global marketplace opportunities, and how the Kingdom citizen may be involved in disciple making through his or her future occupation. Students will be challenged to consider how their major may be used for engaging cultures with the gospel in North America and throughout the world. This course is designed for students who are not Christian Ministry majors. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 202 - Introduction to Intercultural Engagement (3)

This course addresses the basic elements of the Christian faith as they relate to the engagement of global cultures for the purpose of disciple making. Students are exposed to a theology of intercultural engagement, global issues influencing the role of the Church in intercultural ministry, and practical steps for serving in a culture different from their own. Particular attention is given to God's past and contemporary, global, redemptive, activities through the Church. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 210 - Old Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)

This course introduces the Old Testament, examining the general content and major themes of each of its books. Instruction is provided regarding basic principles of biblical interpretation, with a focus on understanding the Old Testament and its importance to the Christian faith and the ministry of the church. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 211 - New Testament Survey for Christian Ministry (3)

This course introduces the New Testament, examining the general content and major themes of each of its books. Instruction is provided regarding basic principles of biblical interpretation, with a focus on understanding the New Testament and its importance to the Christian faith. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 220 - Theology for Christian Ministry (3)

This course examines major themes of biblical theology, focusing on their application in the ministry setting. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 221 - Christian Worldview and Apologetics (3)

This course examines the discipline of Christian apologetics and its utilization in answering commonly raised objections to and questions about scripture and the Christian faith. Special attention is given to introducing a Christian worldview based in an evangelical approach to scripture and to analyzing competing worldviews from a biblical perspective. The role of apologetics in Christian evangelism is also emphasized. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 301 - Evangelism (3)

This course examines the topic of Christian evangelism, focusing on biblical, theological, and practical aspects of the subject. Students are instructed in essential competencies for analyzing distinctive characteristics of diverse cultures and appropriately contextualizing evangelistic methods for communicating the Gospel. Attention is given to common methodologies and their practical applications in the contexts of personal evangelism, church-based evangelism, and evangelism in other ministry settings. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 302 - Intercultural Engagement Strategies (3)

This course examines recent research and contemporary strategies for Christian global missions. Special attention is given to learning about unreached people groups and to learning and analyzing new and innovative approaches being utilized in world evangelization. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 303 - Church Multiplication (3)

This course is a study of church planting in cross-cultural contexts. The course will expose the students to the biblical, theological, and missiological factors that affect church planting across cultures. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 304 - Religious Diversity and the Mission of God (3)

This course examines the development, growth, and influence of pluralism, and the plurality of faith traditions on the Church and God's mission. The course will examine such traditions from a biblical, theological, historical, and missiological perspective in light of the Great Commission. Emphasis will be placed on approaches for engaging peoples of diverse perspectives with effective gospel communication. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 305 - Intercultural Engagement Field Experience (3)

This course is an off-campus learning experience in the study of intercultural engagement. Attention is given to understanding and applying mission theology, missiological principles, and mission methods to an intercultural, supervised setting. Students will spend a semester or summer working with an approved supervising field mentor and under the direction of the professor in a field-based learning environment. Offered: Spring and Summer.

CHRM 310 - Principles of Biblical Communication (3)

This course examines basic principles of effective biblical instruction. The roles of biblical exegesis and hermeneutics in communication are addressed. Emphasis is placed on studying various styles of learning and teaching. Special attention is given to the development of communication skills and clear instruction of biblical content. Offered: Fall.

CHRM 320 - Christian Leadership (3)

This course examines leadership from the unique perspective of Christian ministry, focusing on the principles, skills, and character required for effective leadership, both for the layperson and for clergy. Special attention is given to biblical expectations and examples of leadership and to the application of these in ministry settings. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 330 - The Practice of Ministry (3)

This course addresses, from a practical perspective, some of the areas identified by ministry leaders as lacking in their own ministerial training. As such, it is designed to help the student develop personal ministry skills with a view toward applying these in the practical, multi-faceted arena of local church leadership. Efforts will be made to create an atmosphere of learning what to do—especially in a local church—and how to do it. Attention will be given to distinctions in various types of ministerial personalities, churches, and other ministry settings. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 400 - Senior Project (6)

The focus of this course is the implementation and presentation of a focused individual or collaborative project under the direction of a primary and secondary faculty advisor. This one-semester capstone course must have approval. Prereqs: All prior CHRM courses, including CHRM 302. Co-reqs: CHRM 200 (or BREL 230), CHRM 310, CHRM 320, and CHRM 330. Offered: Spring.

CHRM 491 - Special Topics in Christian Ministry (3)

Unique, one-time courses offered either by visiting professors or as experimental courses by members of the department. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits, if topics are different. Offered: As needed.

CHRM 492 - Independent Study in Christian Ministry (1-3)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in Christian Ministry intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular Christian Ministry course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: UCBF 101, UCT 102, and UCS 102, or permission of the instructor. Offered: As needed.

CHRM 493 - Special Topics Abroad in Christian Ministry (3)

Special topics courses in Christian Ministry designed for and offered abroad. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable. Offered: As needed.

Classics

CLAS 200 - The Rediscovery of the Classical World (4)

Exploration of the world of the Ancient Greeks and Romans. This course examines multiple aspects of Classical Antiquity through the eyes of those who rediscovered it in literary texts, in works of art and architecture, and in its material remains. It provides a broad and well-illustrated introduction to the history, literature, religion, and art and architecture of the Greeks and Romans. Offered: Spring.

CLAS 303 - Greece: The Crucible of Civilization (4)

Examination of the history and culture of the Ancient Greeks through a firsthand look at the material remains, including monuments and artifacts from the Bronze Age, the Archaic and Classical periods, and the Hellenistic, Roman, and Christian eras.

CLAS 304 - Eternal Rome (4)

Examination of the history and culture of Rome through a firsthand look at its material remains, including its Greek and Etruscan antecedents, the Republican and Imperial periods, and the Renaissance transformation of the Classical ideal.

CLAS 345 - Paganism when Christianity Began (4)

An introduction to the study of major pagan religions of the Greco-Roman period, with attention to pagan influences on emerging Christianity. Cross-listed with BREL 336. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

CLAS 361 - Bridging London (4)

Field-based exploration of the geography of London and its environs. Students investigate historical development, commerce, naval power, imperialism, colonialism, scientific achievement, industrial revolution, financial systems, economic frameworks, transportation, governance, urban design, community, culture, society, ethnicity, international significance, and the intersection between globalization and urbanization. Cross-listed with GEOG 361, POLS 361, SOCI 361.

CLAS 454 - Special Topics in Classics (4)

Investigation of the Classical world, taking advantage of opportunities provided by study abroad, by visiting professors, or by experimental advanced courses. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable. Prereq: Permission of the department chair. Offered: As needed.

CLAS 495 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Seminar exploring selected topics in classical antiquity. Includes a directed research project involving a research component, a writing component, and a public, oral presentation. For seniors, but juniors can take with permission. Offered: Fall.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

CSDS 110 - Introduction to Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

This course will provide an overview of varying types of speech, language, and hearing disorders. The role of the speech-language pathologist and audiologist will be discussed, and the student will be exposed to information on varied work settings and potential career opportunities. Attention will be given to interprofessional collaborative teamwork that occurs in all workplace settings. An emphasis on cultural awareness, etiologies, and principles of management will be discussed. This course will also provide observation experience for the student. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 211 - Clinical Phonetics (4)

This course focuses on the study of the production and perception of speech sounds, with emphasis on the description and classification of speech sounds. Introduction and training with the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA), the symbols used to transcribe speech, is conducted. Transcription practice will include both normal and disordered speech. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 212 - Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism (4)

A comprehensive course that provides the learner with knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the systems that support communication and swallowing. Emphasis is placed on the complex coordination of the respiratory, phonatory, resonatory, articulatory, auditory, and neurological systems required for speech, language, hearing, and swallowing. Prereqs: BIOL 103 and BIOL 104. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 213 - Development of Language in Children (4)

The study of the development of language in children including theoretical constructs and beliefs that guide practitioners in working with children. Neuroplastic principles will be discussed as students examine case studies. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 312 - Principles of Audiology (3)

The introduction to the science of hearing as it relates to communication; also included are basic instrumentation skills for the screening and evaluation of hearing. Prereq: CSDS 212. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 313 - Language Disorders in Children (4)

This course will cover possible language disorders that occur from birth into adolescence and introduce the student to the evaluation and treatment utilizing best practice techniques from the literature. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 314 - Rehabilitation Audiology (3)

The study of the techniques utilized in the habilitation/rehabilitation of hearing including amplification, cochlear implants, speech sound training, and auditory training. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 315 - Developing Leadership Potential in Health Professions (3)

This course provides students with the opportunity to evaluate their leadership potential and also provides them with a look into faith-based leadership principles that can be utilized in the health professions. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 318 - Basic Speech and Hearing Science (2)

This course outlines the dynamics of speech production with an emphasis on physiology and the acoustical aspects of speech production and perception. Foundational speech concepts covered will include the mechanics of respiration, phonation, and articulation, and the central nervous system's role in speech production and speech. Prereqs: CSDS 212; plus, PHYS 100 or CHEM 205. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 399 - Special Topics for Communication Sciences and Disorders (1-4)

This course will cover topics in communication sciences and disorders that are not typically examined in depth in other course offerings. Students will learn about emerging topics and current research within the field of communication sciences and disorders. Topics vary with each instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Must be junior level or higher. Offered: As needed.

CSDS 412 - Critical Thinking in Guided Observation (3)

Guided clinical observation is a requirement for undergraduate students in CSDS. Critical thinking, as it relates to clinical observation, is an essential skill for those seeking careers in speech language pathology and audiology. This course will provide the learner with the required observation hours and the tools for faith-based critical thinking as it relates to clinical observation. Must be junior level or higher. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 413 - Special Populations in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

This course will focus on speech, language, cognitive, and hearing problems that are considered to be disorders with a lower incidence in the majority of the caseload for speech language pathologists and audiologists. Topics such as fluency, voice, cleft palate, augmentative and alternative communication, and culturally based speech and language problems will be covered. Prereq: CSDS 212. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 414 - Clinical Methods in Communication Sciences and Disorders (4)

This hands-on course will introduce the CSDS student to the therapeutic management of patients with developmental and/or acquired disorders. The skills required for treating persons with specific disorders will be discussed and students will become familiar with steps in the evaluation and treatment of communication disorders. The student will learn how to complete written documentation, understand dialectal differences, collaborate with other professionals, and collect and evaluate data through case studies and observation of patients. Must be junior level or higher. Offered: Fall.

CSDS 415 - Communication Disorders in the Medical Setting (4)

This survey course is designed to provide the learner with information related to communication disorders that occur in adults such as aphasia, acquired brain injury, dysarthria, apraxia, and other related disorders. Prereqs: CSDS 212 and CSDS 318. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 416 - Supervision in Communication Sciences and Disorders (2)

As students graduate and become practicing speech-language pathologists and audiologists, they are often called upon to supervise students themselves. This course teaches the basic theory of supervision and provides the continuum of learning that all clinicians follow as they progress toward independence in clinical practice. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 418 - Senior Seminar (4)

Students will integrate evidence-based clinical topics in communication sciences and disorders and in service-learning experiences as well as in their clinical observations through a professional portfolio that reflects their sequence of learning and demonstration of competencies within the major. Must be junior level or higher. Offered: Spring.

CSDS 467 - Exploring Medical Missions (2)

An introduction to medical missions aimed at understanding the need to provide medical care among the world's underserved communities, the roles and responsibilities of various healthcare providers, and how to serve Jesus Christ by providing spiritual and physical healthcare with an emphasis on global healthcare. The course will be aimed at understanding the social, emotional, and cultural needs of specific patient populations, and providing patient care, medicine, and spiritual guidance to the less fortunate. Students in any non-pharmacy degree program in the College of Health Sciences may enroll in this interprofessional course. Course is taught online. Cross-listed with KINE 467. Offered: Spring.

Communication Studies

COMS 200 - Introduction to Communication Studies (4)

Overview of elements of the communication discipline, focusing on major theories, models, and skills that form the foundation for communication studies. Emphasis on theory, research, and development of competency in interpersonal, group, and public communication contexts. Offered: Fall.

COMS 207 - Communication and Race (4)

This course explores the theoretical and practical issues related to race and communication. More specifically, the course will explore the nuances of communicating race verbally and nonverbally. This includes topics such as identity construction and expression, language, history, and culture. Such an exploration will emphasize the intersectionality of minority oppression, including but not limited to class, gender, and ableism. Accordingly, communicating race in various social contexts (cultures) will be explored. Overall, students will work to think critically about the communication of race as it applies to their everyday life experiences and those of others in America. A supportive learning environment for students of any racial/ethnic and cultural background to discuss their experiences, thoughts, and perceptions of race and communication will be underscored.

COMS 215 - Public Speaking (4)

Study of techniques of giving speeches to inform, convince, and persuade. Includes speech composition, delivery, and audience analysis. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COMS 221 - Interpersonal Communication (4)

Examination of interpersonal communication in human relationships and development of skills through projects, experiments, readings, and participation. A valuable course in terms of learning to understand and be understood by others. Offered: Every semester.

COMS 305 - Experiencing Cultural Differences (4)

In-depth study of intercultural communication. The course focuses on communication within particular cultures, with a special unit on Latin America. Students construct a comprehensive worldview of intercultural communication principles. Offered: Spring.

COMS 307 - Visual Rhetoric (4)

This course examines "visuals" as a socially constructed process of recognizing what is seen through political practice, cultural narratives, and everyday communicative behaviors. By examining visuals, articulating their effects, and understanding their social role, we may recognize that much of what we accept and value is largely influenced by what is seen. Students will come to understand visualities as important tools of persuasion. Offered: Fall.

COMS 311 - Rhetorical Criticism (4)

Examination of the tradition of rhetorical criticism from the Greeks to the present. As part of the historical and philosophical study, students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with a variety of critical perspectives for studying public discourse. Offered: Fall.

COMS 315 - Communication Ethics (4)

Students in this course will learn to recognize ethical questions in communication contexts and develop and apply ethical criteria while acknowledging diverse ethical approaches. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer, on rotation.

COMS 320 - Legal Communication (4)

Examines legal communication issues including discovery, trial, and appellate procedures. Students also practice basic legal argumentation and debate. Offered: Fall.

COMS 321 - Research Methods in Communication (4)

Analysis and research in the communication discipline. Emphasis placed on empirical, scientific methods of investigation in the field of communication. Students are required to apply knowledge by conducting an original research project. Prereq: COMS 200.

COMS 325 - Small Group Communication (4)

Examination of perspectives that define the communication discipline's study of small-group communication. Once exposed to the theoretical material, students are encouraged to use the theoretical concepts and principles to resolve problems that may arise in group settings. Offered: Fall.

COMS 340 - Sports Communication (4)

This class will focus on sports as a communication phenomenon. Students will analyze athletic coaching as applied communication competence where the goal of the coach is to communicate effectively. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer, on rotation.

COMS 342 - Leadership Communication (4)

This course examines leadership as a function of communication. Students will explore how notions of leadership are constituted in communication and the ways that communication competence influences evaluations of leadership. Class sessions will include a combination of group experiences, topical presentations, and weekly reading. Class discussions will analyze elements of leadership and will occasionally include guest speakers. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer, on rotation.

COMS 349 - Health Communication (4)

Whether we are patients, health care professionals, or advocates for loved ones, we all benefit from understanding the unique dynamics of health communication. This class explores communication in various health settings in order to understand the unique contexts of patient-provider communication. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer, on rotation.

COMS 363 - Gender Communication (4)

Students will interrogate the popular notions of how gender influences communication and how those notions compare to communication research. The class explores how sex roles and gender identity are enacted in a variety of communication contexts. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

COMS 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

COMS 401 - The Individual in Society (4)

Introduction to social psychology from a sociological perspective, examining the relationship between the person and society. Questions include: What impact does society have on the formation of identity and the view we have of ourselves? How do we, as a society, create a perspective of the world around us and use this perspective to regulate each other? What processes regulate the way we establish organizations such as family or work groups and interact within these social groups? Cross-listed with SOCI 401.

COMS 410 - Intercollegiate Debate (1)

Study of intercollegiate debate theories, procedures, and teaching. Designed for students participating in the Samford University Debate team. Offered: Every semester.

COMS 415 - Persuasion (4)

Analysis of various theories of persuasion as decision-making tools in a democratic society with emphasis on factors such as attention, perception, needs, values, credibility, winning belief, and ethics. Offered: Spring.

COMS 417 - Political Communication (4)

Focuses on the relationship between media and politics by examining presidential speeches, social movements, and efforts to shape public opinion in the modern era. Cross-listed with POLS 417. Offered: Spring.

COMS 421 - Communication in Close Relationships (4)

Focuses on communication issues that are central to understanding close relationships between friends, family, and romantic partners. Examines how such relationships are developed and maintained by reviewing interpersonal theory and research. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

COMS 424 - Communication Internship (1 to 4)

Independent study in which students gain practical experience while working in a business, industry, or not-for-profit venue. Includes opportunities in advertising, public relations, journalism, radio, television, museums, and religious or philanthropic organizations. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Declared major or minor in communication studies; must meet eligibility requirements. Offered: Every semester.

COMS 435 - Supportive Communication in the Relational Context (4)

This course features an exploration of the theory and research regarding personal and community experiences of social support. The course focuses on its influences and social functions in interpersonal, health, and relational contexts. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COMS 451 - Organizational Communication (4)

Exploration of how communication affects various stakeholders within organizations. After identifying key concepts in organizational theory, students are expected to analyze and evaluate organizational communication through case studies. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

COMS 453 - Professional Communication (4)

Study of communication strategies as practiced in various professional communities. Applications are made to a number of written and oral communication contexts, including business and management. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

COMS 455 - Special Topics in Communication (4)

This course will feature subjects of importance in communication studies which involve research, readings, student presentations, and discussion in a seminar format. Featured subjects could be communication and religion, race and communication, gender and sexuality in communication, terrorism and communication, or such other subjects that invite scholarly communication, inquiry, and serious focused discussion. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COMS 456 - Directed Studies (1-4)

Guided examination of a specialized topic leading to a major paper, oral presentation, and/or other assignment. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Every semester.

COMS 461 - Communication and Emotion (4)

Examines approaches to the study of primary and secondary emotions, the verbal and nonverbal expression and interpretation of emotion, the role of emotion in human interaction, and methods by which emotion can be regulated for desirable personal and relational outcomes. Prereq/Co-req: COMS 221. Offered: Spring.

COMS 491 - Communication Workshop (4)

Integration of knowledge and experience gleaned from lower-level communication studies courses in a capstone experience resulting in an applied communication project. Prereqs: COMS 321 and senior standing. Offered: Fall.

Computer Science

COSC 107 - Introduction to Computer Science (4)

Exploration of the foundations of computing as a science, including how computing represents the effective merger of science, mathematics, and engineering. Incorporates hands-on experience to illustrate how computers operate based on simple principles of logic and abstraction; demonstrates how to communicate with them via algorithms and use of a simple programming language; evaluates limitations; examines alternative computing paradigms; considers emerging technologies; contemplates major innovations such as the Internet, virtual reality, and intelligent systems; and surveys a variety of issues facing society. Not a computer literacy course. Computer science majors cannot use this course to fulfill their general education natural and computational science requirement. Prereqs: Basic computer literacy (familiarity with file/folder manipulation, word processing, and spreadsheet applications); mathematics background suitable for placement into Precalculus.

COSC 110 - Introduction to Programming I (4)

Introduction to the fundamental techniques of programming as a foundation for more advanced study of computer science and as a tool for other disciplines using a high-level programming language like Python. Topics include problem-solving strategies, fundamental programming constructs, and the concept of an algorithm. Prereqs: Basic computer literacy (familiarity with file/folder manipulation, word processing, and spreadsheet applications); mathematics background suitable for placement into Precalculus. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COSC 200 - Discrete Structures for Computer Science (4)

Introduction to discrete mathematics as it is used in computer science, fostering logical methods of problem solving and thinking. Topics include functions, relations, sets, propositional and predicate logic, simple circuit logic, proof techniques, finite state machines, Turing machines, elementary formal language

theory, graph theory, Boolean algebra, computability, complexity, elementary combinatorics, and discrete probability. Prereq: Grade of C or better in MATH 150 or MATH 240, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

COSC 210 - Introduction to Programming II (4)

Introduction to object-oriented programming using an object-oriented language such as Java. Focus on effective software development practice, emphasizing principles such as design, decomposition, encapsulation, inheritance, procedural abstraction, testing, and software reuse. Topics include fundamental data structures, exceptions, recursion, and interactive development environments. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 110. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COSC 240 - Introduction to Cybersecurity (4)

Introduction to the domains that cover information security. Focus on security and risk management, identity and access management, security operations, and software development security. Topics include asset security, security assessment and testing, security architecture and engineering, and communication and network security. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 107 or COSC 110. Offered: Fall.

COSC 250 - Logic Design (4)

Foundational exploration into the principles and applications of digital logic, essential for students in computer science and engineering. This course covers the design, analysis, and optimization of digital systems, including binary systems, logic gates, combinational and sequential logic circuits, and state machines. Through theoretical lectures and hands-on laboratory exercises, students will learn to develop efficient digital solutions to complex problems. Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in COSC 200, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

COSC 260 - Game Design and Programming (4)

This course focuses on core principles and helps students understand the mechanics that make up the practice of applied game design. Students will use real-time rendering software to design and program immersive game environments. Through in-class exercises and design projects, students will develop many of the active systems and mechanics utilized in contemporary game design and will use a variety of acknowledged industry methods of documentation to present and formalize their designs. Prereq: COSC 110. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COSC 305 - Computer Organization and Architecture (4)

Study of concepts of computer systems and computer architecture. Focus on the fundamentals of logic design, the organization and structure of the major hardware components of computers, and the mechanics of information transfer and control within a computer system. Includes lab experiences in assembler language programming and simulation of computer circuits, and investigation of different architectures (composition and connection of larger blocks) supporting parallel computing and data communications. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 110. Recommended Prereq: COSC 200. Offered: Fall.

COSC 306 - Principles of Bioinformatics (4)

Interdisciplinary biological and computational approach to science to gain new insights into complex living systems. Methods developed in this discipline address outstanding questions in medicine, behavior, health, pharmacy, genetics, the environment, and other biologically related areas. Cross-listed with BIOL 306. Prereq for all majors: BIOL 203, or permission of the instructor. Additional prereq for computer science majors: COSC 110 with a grade of C or better. Offered: Spring.

COSC 310 - Advanced Programming Concepts (4)

Extension of previously acquired programming experiences, with particular emphasis on the use of data abstraction and object-oriented programming in the design and implementation of data structures and algorithms. Topics include advanced data structures, algorithm efficiency and complexity, searching and sorting, tree and graph manipulation, hashing, and polymorphism. Prereqs: Grade of C or better in COSC 210; grade of C or better in COSC 200 or MATH 280 desirable as a prereq but may be taken concurrently or with permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

COSC 315 - Databases and Information Management (4)

Study of underlying concepts and structures in the design and implementation of database management systems. Includes lab experiences, such as implementation of DBMS projects using commercially available software. Also covered: design, creation, and maintenance of data files, and implementation of several methods in high-level language(s); sorting and searching techniques, and how they relate to various data structures; design and construction of user interfaces; ethical issues involving security and privacy, and other issues related to the use of distributed databases. Prereq: COSC 110, with a grade of C or better. Offered: Spring.

COSC 320 - Software Development (4)

This course focuses on applying the methodology of Agile software development and the advancement of student's soft skills. Working collaboratively in teams, students will develop a software solution for a client using Agile methodology. Emphasis will be placed on developing students' soft skills in communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 210. Offered: Fall.

COSC 325 - Principles of Programming Languages (4)

Study of the history of programming languages and styles; examination of programming paradigms and special purpose languages; syntax and semantics, grammars, bindings, symbol tables, data types, scoping, parameter passing, abstract data types, design and implementation of (part of) a compiler; empirical comparisons of various algorithms and programming paradigms; and utility of interactive tools and environments. Recommended Prereq/Co-req: COSC 200. Prereqs: Grades of C or better in COSC 305 and MATH 150 or MATH 240. Offered: Spring.

COSC 330 - Software Design (4)

This course focuses on aspects of software development that precede coding, such as requirements elicitation, principles of good software architectures, common patterns for design, and human-computer interaction. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 320. Offered: Spring.

COSC 335 - Operating Systems (4)

Introduction to the fundamentals of operating systems; in-depth treatment of operating systems and their interface with hardware, applications, and system user; contemporary social and professional issues, such as intellectual property, risks and liabilities, and system security in the context of operating systems design; and simulation of (parts of) an operating system. Prereq: COSC 210, with grade of C or better. Offered: Fall.

COSC 340 - Cybersecurity Governance, Risk, and Compliance (4)

Study of concepts integral to cybersecurity governance, risk, and compliance disciplines. Focus on compliance frameworks, enterprise risk management processes, and control design. Topics include identity governance, third party risk management, security awareness and training, and security policy development. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 107 or COSC 110. Offered: Spring.

COSC 345 - Networking (4)

Study of the concepts and technologies used to establish and facilitate communication between groups of computer systems. Topics include protocols, devices, segmentation, and network security. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 210. Offered: Fall.

COSC 360 - Game Tech and Programming (4)

Students will employ professional techniques and practices to program and design their own conceptual game employing complex materials, particles, and environmental effects using a real-time game engine. Using industry-standard methodologies, students will design an original game that pushes them into practical, theoretical, controversial, and abstract principles and applications within the cognitive art of game tech, design, and programming. Students completing this course are prepared for careers in the video game industry as programmers, game designers, and game techs. Prereq: COSC 260. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COSC 407 - Advanced Bioinformatics (4)

Advanced topics in bioinformatics including in-depth investigation of algorithms, innovative techniques, alternative paradigms, advanced database interaction, and algorithm implementation. Prereqs: BIOL 203, BIOL 333, COSC 110, COSC 210; and BIOL 306 or COSC 306. Offered: Spring. Cross-listed with BIOL 407.

COSC 410 - Computer Science Research/Internship (1-4)

Research project or internship completed under the supervision of a faculty member, with results presented in a written paper or other appropriate document (e.g., user's manual, if the project involves software development). Cannot substitute for required courses in the computer science major. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: COSC 110, with a grade of C or better, and permission of the instructor, in response to written proposal submitted by the student.

COSC 420 - Software Project Management (4)

This course focuses on the various phases and activities of the software development life cycle (SDLC) and how they work together. The course will also focus on using engineering practices to learn how to deliver high-quality software on time, within scope and within budget. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 310. Offered: Fall.

COSC 440 - Cybersecurity Engineering (4)

Introduction to the industry-leading information security toolsets and technologies. Focus on securing endpoints, data, and identity. Topics include centralized system logging and vulnerability scanning, along with security tool setup, configuration, and maintenance. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 315. Offered: Fall.

COSC 445 - Cybersecurity Operations (4)

Introduction to methods and procedures used to maintain a secure information environment. Focus on cybersecurity attacks and defenses. Topics include incident response preparation and detection, logging tool configuration, common security toolsets, and effective management for operational leadership. Prereq: COSC 315. Offered: Spring.

COSC 460 - Current Topics in Computing (4)

In-depth exploration of a designated "topic of the year," providing a mechanism for study of important topics of current interest in the rapidly changing discipline of computer science. Includes research, simulation, and/or analysis of various approaches related to the topic(s) under study. Major emphasis on demonstration of maturity in use of various computer science tools in investigations. Such tools include programming, software development, research skills, communications skills, data structures, and algorithm analysis. Prereq: Grade of C or better in at least one 300-level COSC course. Offered: Fall.

COSC 470 - Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing Strategies (4)

Exploration of one of the ultimate computer science objectives: simulating intelligence in machines. Considers intelligent behavior in living beings, identifies problems confronting AI researchers, and explores a variety of approaches to the development of intelligent systems. Methodologies include traditional knowledge representation, search, and heuristic strategies, as well as alternative computational paradigms such as artificial neural networks. Cognitive behaviors in machines are modeled via computer simulation and robotics. Techniques presented draw on knowledge accumulated from a broad range of disciplines. Prereqs: Permission of the instructor. Computer science majors should have grades of C or better in at least one 300-level computer science course and should be proficient in Java or C++. A math background that includes calculus and advanced courses is helpful but not essential. Offered: Spring.

COSC 490 - Senior Seminar (2)

First of a two-part capstone experience for computer science majors. Major emphasis on reviewing the entire range of topics studied within the curriculum, as well as synthesizing those topics into a cohesive whole in preparation for post-graduation activities (e.g., working as a computer professional or attending graduate school). Preliminary investigation into potential research or projects for Senior Project. Prereqs: Grades of C or better in two 300-level COSC courses, and MATH 240. Offered: Fall.

COSC 491 - Senior Project (2)

Final capstone experience for computer science majors. Students accomplish a significant research or software development project and provide both oral and written presentations of their projects. Topic, scope, and (if appropriate) software to be used in the project must be approved in advance by the professor(s). Students will take the Major Field Test Exam or similar summative assessment. Prereq: Grade of C or better in COSC 490. Offered: Spring.

COSC 495 - Senior Seminar and Project (4)

Capstone experience for computer science majors. Major emphasis on reviewing the entire range of topics studied within the curriculum and providing individual students an opportunity to accomplish a significant research or software development project. Students give both oral and written presentations of their projects and are required to take the Major Field Test (MFT) exam. Topic, scope, and (if appropriate) software to be used in the project must be approved in advance by the professor(s). Prereqs: Grades of C or better in one 400-level and two 300-level COSC courses. Offered: Spring.

COSC 498 - Internship (1-3)

A variable-credit internship experience offering students the opportunity to apply their computer science skills in a professional setting. Credits (1-3) vary according to the number of hours worked at the internship host site. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Department Chair Approval.

COSC 499 - Research (1-3)

Under the mentorship of a department faculty member, students conduct independent research on a project related to computer science. Credits (1-3) vary according to the number of hours worked each week. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Department Chair Approval.

Continuing Studies - Administration/Business

ECAC 200 - Survey of Accounting (3)

Introduction to the preparation and interpretation of accounting information with special emphasis on the needs of non-business majors. Course covers both the use and reporting of accounting information generated for external audiences (creditors and the investing public) as well as that developed for internal decision-making.

ECBL 352 - Legal Environment of Business (3)

Study of the fundamental areas of law that impact business and the government's role in the development of those laws. Through the use of cases and lectures, the interrelationship of these two dominant institutions of society is analyzed. Specific areas to be addressed include the regulation of employment, the law of contracts, torts, bankruptcy, and several areas of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC).

ECBU 100 - World of Business (3)

Examination of current issues that businesses face as they operate in a global environment. Includes simulation, readings, business plan development, and teamwork to provide an understanding of major business functions and how they interrelate in actual practice.

ECDA 201 - Data Analytics (3)

This course provides students with the fundamental concepts and tools needed to understand the role of statistics and data analytics in business organizations. By developing and embracing an analytical mindset, students will gain a foundational understanding of probability and statistics for data analysis used in business decision making. Evaluating these alternatives and gaining insight from past performance is the essence of data analytics. This course is designed as an introduction to data analytics, an area of business administration that considers the extensive use of data, methods, and fact-based management to support and improve decision making.

ECEC 200 - Survey of Economics (3)

Survey of the macroeconomic theories that explain the behavior of the world economy and the national economies that comprise it. Course covers the microeconomic relationships that explain the operations of individual consumer/supplier markets.

ECEC 201 - Principles of Economics (3)

Study of macroeconomics, providing a theoretical framework from which aggregate, economic events such as inflation, unemployment, and economic growth are explained. The framework is used for analysis of current and potential problems of society. This course provides an organizing structure for understanding how the world economy works, providing the student with some ability to predict future economic events.

ECFI 300 - Survey of Finance (3)

Introduction to financial management concepts and methods of analysis. Students gain comprehension of the central tenets of financial management including: (1) analyzing the risk return tradeoff, (2) evaluating the time value of money, (3) cash flow examination and valuation, (4) applying capital market efficiency theory to case applications, and (5) the analysis and understanding of the financial health of an organization.

ECHR 361 - The Injured and Absent Employee (3)

Introduction to the human resources professional's role in the laws and regulations affecting injured and absent employees. Focus on the states' various approaches to workers' compensation (i.e., medical benefits and limited compensation), the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Also covered: various other aspects of state and federal law the human resources professional will need knowledge of to administer to injured and absent employees. Prereqs: ECMG 473 and ECBL 352, or equivalent.

ECMG 300 - Survey of Management (3)

Examination of the content, skills, and organizational and societal settings of management duties. Exploration of the sources of managerial expertise and their links to the performance of all types of organizations.

ECMG 470 - Negotiation/Conflict Resolution (3)

Overview of contemporary theories and ideas in the field of negotiation. Emphasizes the practical application of negotiation in the business world and/or everyday life.

ECMG 471 - Advertising/Public Relations (3)

Overview of the advertising and public relations process, including the strategies behind successful campaigns. Focuses on real world settings as they relate to account management, creative development, production, media, and client service. Evaluation of creative executions and their potential impact on the end user.

ECMG 472 - Case Studies in Leadership (3)

Through case studies and real-world examples, students will examine various styles of leadership and apply current theories to better understand the qualities and characteristics necessary to be a successful leader.

ECMG 473 - Human Resource Management (3)

Study of one or more of the challenges arising from changes in the business environment that managers face. Content is adapted by the instructor to conform to the challenges of the day.

ECMK 300 - Survey of Marketing (3)

Introduction to the concepts of marketing management with emphasis on a balance between theory and practice. Individual topics include demand analysis, marketing research, distribution channels, product policy, and marketing strategy.

Continuing Studies - Art

ECAR 200 - Arts in Society (3)

This course provides students with a working knowledge of the meaning and importance of the arts as a product of the creative imagination in a dynamic interaction with a society. Its purpose is to develop deeper understanding of human expression in the context of global and national development. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ECAR 300 - Art Appreciation (3)

Enables the student to understand artistic terms, methods, and philosophy, to recognize styles in periods of art history, and to develop aesthetic experiences that will better prepare the student for living in society.

Continuing Studies - Biology

ECBI 105 - Principles of Biology (4)

Study of the principles of life common to all living organisms. LEC, LAB.

ECBI 107 - Contemporary Biology (4)

Designed for non-biology majors. Study of the interactions of humans within the biological world. Includes laboratory.

ECBI 110 - Human Biology (4)

Study of the biological principles of the human body from a human biological anatomical, physiological, and an ecosociological perspective. May be used as a prerequisite for upper-level biology courses. Includes laboratory.

ECBI 111 - Animal Biology (4)

Study of animal life from a cellular to an organismal level with emphasis on animal taxonomy and environmental relationships. May be used as a prerequisite for upper-level biology courses. Includes laboratory.

ECBI 112 - Plant Biology (4)

Study of the form, function, and classification of the plant kingdom. Includes laboratory.

ECBI 324 - Introduction to Toxicology (4)

Designed for the nonscientist. Acquaints the student with the scope and history of toxicology, provides basic information on home and workplace health and safety, and covers OSHA/EPA regulations relevant to citizens' rights-to-know with respect to toxicants in their communities and workplaces. Includes laboratory. Prereq: Any 100-level biology.

ECBI 327 - Conservation Ecology (4)

Study of the basic principles of ecology that relate to the utilization and conservation of the earth's biological resources. Includes ecosystem dynamics, population ecology, wildlife and fisheries techniques, the economics of conservation, and issues relating to the protection of endangered species. Prereq: Any 100-level biology.

Continuing Studies - Common Courses

ECCC 200 - Foundations of Integrated Thought (3)

This course will introduce the concept of integrating faith, vocation, academic discipline, worldview, and interpersonal development. In addition to seeking a vocational path that integrates content knowledge, personal guiding principles, knowledge of the emotional self, and understanding of moral development, this course will emphasize critical thinking and communication of thought. Offered: Spring.

ECCC 201 - Biblical Perspectives (4)

Examination of historical context and religious teachings of Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Cultivation of critical competencies necessary for the academic study of traditional texts. Course objectives include an understanding of the historical context in which the Bible took shape; appreciation of the development of religious thought within the biblical period; examination of how biblical teachings have been and are interpreted and applied; and study of the Bible, using a variety of modern critical methods.

ECCC 247 - Theory and Practice in the Human Services (3)

Study of the stages and factors involved in the helping process. Practical applications and theories of helping necessary for successful work in the social or human services.

ECCC 300 - Vocation and Calling (3)

Students will explore various definitions of vocation both from a biblical, historical, and contemporary perspective. In addition, students will discover how vocation, meaning, and purpose is defined in their own lives. This course will help provide students with a framework for making major life decisions in such a way that maximizes their time, strengths, and personality with focus. Offered: Every semester.

ECCC 321 - Substance Abuse Counseling (3)

Addresses the general concepts and treatment alternatives for those affected by substance abuse. Topics covered include drug terminology, specific drug information, theories and treatment of addictions, medical and psychological aspects of addictions on the individual and affected family members, and laws pertaining to substance abuse counselors.

ECCC 345 - Principles of Communication (3)

Designed to increase student understanding and implementation of effective interpersonal communication behavior. The course examines basic verbal and non-verbal elements affecting communication between individuals in family, peer groups and work contexts.

ECCC 361 - Multicultural Issues in Human Services (3)

Examination of how culture affects behavior. Students will examine the ways in which their family of origin and culture has impacted their worldview and how this worldview may affect the counseling process. Students will study the cultural norms of specific populations and explore ways in which the counseling process can be modified to effectively serve clients in any counseling or other human services setting. Prereq: ECCN 245.

ECCC 406 - Race and Ethnic Relations (3)

Description and analysis of the phenomena that arises when groups of people who differ racially and/or culturally encounter one another.

ECCC 441 - Personal Growth and Development (3)

Introduction to basic areas of growth and adjustment encountered by members of our culture. Emphasis is placed on developing a well-integrated personality, self-adjustment, and self-management. Prereq: ECWC 102.

ECCC 453 - Professional Communication (3)

Study of theories and research of rhetorical strategies as practiced in various professional discourse communities. Applications of theory are made to several writing contexts, including business and technical communication. Prereq: ECWC 102.

ECCC 475 - Research Methods (3)

Review of methodologies and skills used by social scientists. Introduction to the logic of scientific inquiry and the relationship between development of theoretically based research questions and the process for seeking answers. Focus on two methodologies: (1) qualitative field investigation techniques, such as participant observation and narrative/content analysis; and (2) quantitative techniques such as survey procedures. Introduction to the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS-PC).

ECCC 490 - Senior Capstone I (1)

Required of Continuing Studies students. This first half of the Capstone sequence will require students to create an annotated bibliography and research proposal which will be developed and presented in Capstone II. Prereq: Senior status.

ECCC 491 - Senior Capstone II (2)

Required of Continuing Studies students. This second half of the Capstone sequence will require students to conduct research developed in Capstone I and produce and present a scholarly paper based on that research. Prereq: ECCC 490 and Senior status.

Continuing Studies - Communication Studies

ECCS 215 - Oral Communication (3)

Study of the techniques governing speeches to inform, convince, and actuate. Course covers speech composition, delivery, and audience analysis. Course includes an overview of interviewing and a discussion of the basic elements of business communications.

Continuing Studies - Counseling and Human Services

ECCN 245 - Introduction to the Helping Professions (3)

Study of the fundamentals of basic human relations and an introduction to the basic principles, techniques, and theories of the counseling process.

ECCN 256 - Becoming a Self-Regulated Learner (3)

Designed to assist adult learners returning to academic study to acquire learning and memory strategies and tactics. Provides students with research information and individual assessment feedback to develop a learner profile contributing to more effective information management.

ECCN 332 - Directed Studies in Counseling (3)

Students obtain individual guidance in researching a special area of interest in counseling, organizing the research, and sharing it with the class. Involves library research, independent reading, and reporting.

ECCN 341 - Employee Assistance Counseling (3)

Introduction to and an overview of the field of employee assistance. Emphasis is placed on the role of the counselor. Topics include the history, structure, and purpose of employee assistance; an introduction to employee assistance professional organizations; and an introduction to current employee assistance enterprises. Students will also be exposed to frequently used personality and vocational assessments used in the workplace. While primarily intended for those in the counseling and human services program, this course would also be beneficial to students pursuing a major in organizational leadership.

ECCN 342 - Case Studies (3)

Students learn from the process and techniques of developing case studies as well as their appropriate uses. A portfolio of case studies is developed with special emphasis given to family problems. Prereqs: ECCN 245 and ECWC 102.

ECCN 350 - Small-Group Process (3)

Introduction to various applications of group therapy, as well as other group problem-solving activities. Group dynamics and group management techniques are introduced. Attention is given to legal and ethical factors related to managing groups.

ECCN 442 - Life Crisis Management (3)

Students learn how to help an individual cope with an unforeseen crisis in life including divorce and/or separation, chronic conditions, and death. Prereq: ECWC 102.

ECCN 450 - Issues in Counseling and Human Services (3)

A study of the historical issues that have influenced counseling as well as the current issues in the profession. Problems and possible solutions are addressed. Prereq: ECWC 102.

ECCN 456 - Special Topics in Counseling and Human Services (1-3)

Weekend or special seminar courses. Topics vary. May be taken up to three times for a maximum of 9 credits.

ECCN 471 - Counseling and Interviewing Techniques (3)

Focuses on the skills necessary for success in the helping professions. Emphasis is placed on role play and the study of the varied research-based methods of effective and empathic interviewing and counseling.

ECCN 480 - Research in Human Services (3)

Focus on scientific inquiry and the research process as it relates to problems associated with counseling and human services agencies and settings. Emphasis will be given to qualitative and quantitative areas of investigation, along with the techniques that support them. Students will experience research opportunities designed to enhance problem-solving and critical thinking skills in ways that translate to the workplace.

Continuing Studies - Criminal Justice

ECCJ 300 - Field Experience in Criminal Justice (1)

Designed to supplement knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom by applying academic principles in a practical setting. Includes participation in an externship as well as on-campus seminar. Criminal justice majors must take three one-hour offerings in order to facilitate learning experiences in three different environments.

ECCJ 301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)

Survey of the entire criminal justice process, including in-depth analyses of various aspects of law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Emphasis is placed on current procedures, and the application of recent case law, theory, research, and politics to policy, rules, and regulations. Career pathways in criminal justice will be explored.

ECCJ 302 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3)

An exploration of the ethical issues associated with the police, prosecution, courts, and correctional systems. An examination of theory and its application to contemporary criminal justice issues will be a focus of the course. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 303 - Fundamentals of Criminal Law (3)

Overview of criminal law including basic concepts, legal definitions of crime and the differences between substantive and procedural criminal law. The criminal justice system will be examined with special attention to the roles of police, prosecutors, defense attorneys and the courts. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 304 - Police Operations (3)

Examination of the current structure and strategies of police in America. Topics include mission and goals of police organizations, the demand for police service, patrol functions, responsibilities of the sworn officer, ethics and accountability, and the relationship between the officer and the community. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 305 - Corrections in America (3)

An examination of the role of correction in the criminal justice system. Major topics include organization and operation of correctional systems, alternatives to institutionalization, rights and treatment of offenders, theories of punishment and rehabilitation, and current and future issues in corrections. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 343 - Criminology (3)

Introduction to the various theoretical approaches that guide the study of crime and its implications. Examination of problems related to the definition of crime, the extent or distribution of crime in society, as well as the impact of criminal activity on society. Review of the criminal justice system, the social processes that occur within it and the outcomes of this system for individuals and the community. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 400 - Criminal Procedure and Evidence (3)

Overview of criminal procedure and evidence examining the criminal case from investigation and arrest through trial and appeal. Particular emphasis will be placed on procedural and evidentiary issues as they relate to the roles and responsibilities of law enforcement personnel. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 401 - Law Enforcement Administration (3)

Explores change and leadership theory to criminal justice organizations. Case study and role play will be utilized to help the student develop management and leadership skills. Current research and trends in the area of law enforcement administration will be examined to help prepare students for careers in administration. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 402 - Criminal Investigations (3)

An examination of theories and practices of the investigation process in the criminal justice system. Development of skills related to interviewing, interrogation, as well as collection, analysis and preservation of evidence will be a focus. Duties and responsibilities of the investigator both in the field and in the courtroom will also be addressed. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

ECCJ 403 - Criminalistics (3)

An examination of the comprehensive realm of forensics and its role in criminal investigations. Topics include crime scene reconstruction, fingerprint analysis, field and laboratory tests and techniques, and preservation of evidence for admissibility in court. Hands-on lab exercises and case studies will be used to enforce practical skills. Prereq: ECCJ 301.

Continuing Studies - Education

ECED 307 - Foundations of Leadership (3)

Introduction to the foundations of leadership and the importance of principled leadership in all areas of life.

Continuing Studies - English

ECEN 201 - Major British and Irish Authors (3)

Study of one or two major authors from each century (16th to the 20th) and includes drama (Shakespeare), prose fiction (Jane Austen), and poetry (William Wordsworth, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and others). Provides depth of study on a few great authors, rather than a broad survey. Prereq: ECWC 102 with grade of C- or better.

ECEN 209 - Special Topics in Literature (3)

Exploration of literary works (prose fiction and drama) and films that are connected thematically. Current offerings include “Literature of the Family” that explores relationships between family members and “The Cross-Cultural Experience” that presents works in which the protagonist interacts with people of another race or culture, resulting in situations that produce cultural misunderstandings and a variety of conflicts. Prereq: ECWC 102 with grade of C- or better.

ECEN 211 - Major American Authors (3)

Study of American literature from its beginnings to the present, emphasizing major authors and major literary trends, such as the American Renaissance and the Harlem Renaissance. Prereq: ECWC 102 with grade of C- or better.

Continuing Studies - History

ECHI 101 - World History I (3)

Survey of selected cultures from prehistory to 1500 within their political, economic, and social frameworks.

ECHI 102 - World History II (3)

Survey of selected cultures from the Renaissance to the present within their political, economic, and social frameworks.

ECHI 217 - Early America to 1877 (3)

Social, cultural, and political overview of American history from its colonial beginnings through the end of Reconstruction.

ECHI 218 - Modern America since 1865 (3)

Social, cultural, and political overview of American history from 1865 through the present.

Continuing Studies - Human Development & Family Studies

ECFS 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (3)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of professional pathways in family science, guiding students in understanding their career calling and the diverse opportunities within the field. Students will examine the historical foundations, interdisciplinary nature, and integrative perspectives of family science while identifying the skills, experiences, and professional competencies necessary for success. Through self-assessment, career research, and professional development activities, students will develop individualized academic and career plans. The course also emphasizes ethical standards, professional conduct, and essential communication skills, equipping students to navigate careers in family science.

ECFS 202 - Marriage and the Family (3)

This course provides an overview of key theories and research methodologies in the study of modern relationships and family dynamics. Topics include dating, marriage, family life stages, intra-family relationships (e.g., marital dynamics), parenting, and the roles of both nuclear and extended family members. The course also examines the broader social, cultural, and economic influences shaping family experiences at both micro and macro levels.

ECFS 300 - Parenting (3)

This course explores the emotional, physical, and sociological dimensions of parenthood and co-parenthood, with a focus on the needs of both children and parents. Students will examine parenting philosophies, family systems, and the theories and practices that shape parenting roles across the lifespan. Special attention is given to the application of parent education programs within the field of family life education.

ECFS 322 - Family Life Education (3)

This course provides an introduction to the philosophy, principles, and practices of Family Life Education (FLE). Students will explore the process of designing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs that support individuals and families across the lifespan. Through observation, critique, and hands-on curriculum development, students will gain practical experience in creating effective and inclusive learning experiences. Emphasis will be placed on evidence-based practice, process-oriented teaching methodologies, and strategies for engaging diverse audiences. Students will also examine the role of cultural competence, ethical considerations, and program promotion in the successful delivery of family life education.

ECFS 324 - Human Sexuality (3)

This course offers a multidisciplinary exploration of human sexuality, incorporating biological, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual perspectives. Students will examine the complex factors that shape sexual health, identity, relationships, and decision-making. Emphasis will be placed on personal values formation, ethical considerations, and the impact of societal influences such as media, culture, and interpersonal relationships. Through critical discussion and analysis, students will develop an informed and respectful understanding of human sexuality and its role in individual and relational well-being.

ECFS 345 - Families and Health (3)

This course explores the dynamic relationship between families and health across the lifespan, emphasizing both preventative and remedial approaches to well-being. Students will examine the impact of physical and emotional health on family dynamics, including the effects of illness and disability. Topics include family behaviors related to nutrition, fitness, stress management, and health advocacy, as well as the role of culture in shaping health perceptions and access to care. Through analysis of health care systems and collaborative approaches to care, students will develop foundational skills for assessing family health concerns, promoting coping strategies, and supporting diverse health needs within family systems.

ECFS 346 - Family Resource Management (3)

This course examines how individuals and families develop and allocate financial and human resources—including time, money, material assets, energy, social networks, and space—to achieve their goals across the lifespan. Emphasizing the complexities of family dynamics and societal influences, the course explores decision-making processes and resource management strategies in diverse family contexts.

ECFS 360 - Infant and Child Development (3)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the science of child development, from prenatal stages through early adolescence. Students will explore major theories of development and examine cognitive, physical, and social-emotional growth within diverse socio-ecological contexts. Special attention will be given to developmental disorders and their impact on individuals and family dynamics. Additionally, students will receive hands-on training in child

assessment by practicing the administration of a developmental screening instrument. Through research, observation, and applied learning, students will develop the skills necessary to assess developmental progress, recognize influential factors on development, and support individuals and families through key transitions.

ECFS 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (3)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development from adolescence through later life. Students will examine major theories of adult development and key life transitions, including peer relationships, dating, marriage, career choices, parenting, the empty nest phase, midlife changes, and retirement. Emphasis is placed on understanding the challenges and opportunities within each stage of development.

ECFS 370 - Practicum (3)

This course provides students with hands-on experience through a 125-hour practicum in a child, family, social, or community agency, complemented by classroom instruction. Emphasis is placed on personal and professional development, ethical standards across helping professions, and the creation of a professional portfolio. Practicum sites must meet established criteria, as outlined by the HDFE practicum supervisor.

ECFS 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (3)

This course provides an interdisciplinary exploration of family law and public policy, examining legislation and policies that impact families across the lifespan. Topics include marriage laws, family leave, divorce, family support, child custody, child protection, and economic support for children and families. Emphasis is placed on ethical considerations within the helping professions, particularly in the field of family studies.

Continuing Studies - Humanities

ECHU 101 - Humanities and Culture I (3)

This is the first course in a two-term sequence that examines the Western intellectual tradition within a global context. Through interdisciplinary study, students will increase their awareness of the cultural, historical, literary, philosophical, and religious influences upon the development of civilizations. ECHU 101 will take students through the foundational texts of the ancient Greeks, Romans, and early Christian literature, through the Middle Ages and Renaissance, and into the early Modern Period. Offered: Fall.

ECHU 102 - Humanities and Culture II (3)

This is the second course in a two-term sequence that examines the Western intellectual tradition within a global context. Through interdisciplinary study, students will increase their awareness of the cultural, historical, literary, philosophical, and religious influences upon the development of civilizations. ECHU 102 will take students through the foundational texts of the Early Modern Age, the Enlightenment, the 19th Century, and the 20th Century. Prereq: ECHU 101. Offered: Fall.

Continuing Studies - Kinesiology

ECPE 122 - Fitness Walking and Strength Training (2)

Designed to incorporate two aspects of positive health and fitness: strength training to enhance muscular strength and endurance, and fitness walking to develop the cardiorespiratory system. Other topics include stress management, behavior modification, body composition, common fitness injuries, and flexibility.

ECPE 231 - Personal and Community Health (3)

Teaches fundamentals of general health. Emphasis is placed on such topical areas as personal fitness, nutrition, mental and emotional health, and community and environmental health.

Continuing Studies - Mathematics and Computing

ECCO 100 - Introduction to Computing (3)

Survey course that includes a history of computing, description of system components, programming fundamentals, discussion of programming languages, processing methods, and applications. Introductory hands-on experience with word processing, spreadsheet, database, and communications software and hands-on exposure to the processes of problem-solving and programming.

ECCO 101 - Software Applications (3)

Conceptual understanding of the four major types of business software applications, including word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation software. The course covers unique qualities of each (strengths and weaknesses), proper usage of each, and interconnections among them. Prereq: ECCO 100.

ECCO 312 - Empowering Managers to Understand IT (3)

Study of the role information technology plays as an enabler of business. Students will learn how to properly work with information technology (IT) resources in the workplace and how to fully leverage the benefits that IT can provide.

ECMA 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (3)

Develops problem-solving skills by studying a wide range of contemporary applications of mathematics. Connections between contemporary mathematics and modern society are stressed.

ECMA 210 - Statistics (3)

Designed as an algebra-based introductory course in statistics. Covers descriptive and inferential statistics with probability decision-making skills necessary for today's complex civilization. Covers frequency, probability, binomial, normal, chi-square and sampling distributions, estimation, hypothesis testing for one and two populations, linear correlation and regression, and analysis of variance. Uses the graphing calculator and statistical computing packages.

Prereqs: ECMA 110 or equivalent.

Continuing Studies - Music

ECMU 200 - Music Appreciation (3)

Introduction to historical and stylistic developments in music for non-music majors. Emphasis is placed upon listening, through both recordings and live concerts.

Continuing Studies - Nursing (RN)

ECRN 330 - Nursing Roles and Concepts (3)

Explores the multi-dimensional role of the professional nurse. Topics include the professional nurse's role in evidence-based practice, person-centered care, healthcare quality and safety, the interprofessional team, ethical and legal issues, and behaviors that promote personal wellness and resiliency. Prereqs: Admission to the School of Nursing and an unencumbered nursing license.

ECRN 340 - Health Assessment for the Professional Nurse (3)

Promotes the development of professional nursing health assessment principles for diverse populations. Topics include comprehensive health history, systematic physical assessment, health promotion, communication, and person-centered care for the registered nurse. Prereqs: Admission to the School of Nursing and an unencumbered nursing license.

ECRN 360 - Technology and Informatics in Health Care (3)

Provides the student with knowledge regarding information and communication and technology in the health care delivery system. Topics include impact on the healthcare system, role of the healthcare professional using technology, associated risks, and telehealth.

ECRN 380 - Scholarship for Nursing Practice (3)

Introduction of basic principles of scholarship and evidence-based practice in the context of professional nursing practice. Topics include reviewing the literature, critiquing research, and identifying methods appropriate to study specific practice-related problems. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. Cross-listed with NURS 380. Co-req: ECRN 386. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

ECRN 386 - Capstone I (1)

Introduction to the registered nurse's role in quality improvement. Topics include evidence-based practice, quality improvement models, and development of a scholarly project. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. Co-req: ECRN 380.

ECRN 390 - Population Health for Registered Nurses (5)

Focuses on the registered nurse's role in health promotion, disease prevention, and risk reduction in individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan in various community settings. Emphasis is placed on levels of prevention, identifying and addressing social determinants of health, and engaging vulnerable populations with the healthcare community. Prereqs: ECRN 330 and ECRN 340.

ECRN 426 - Capstone II (1)

Builds upon Capstone I. Topics include evidence-based practice, quality improvement models, and development of a scholarly project. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. Prereq: ECRN 386.

ECRN 430 - Leadership and Management for Professional Nursing Practice (5)

Focuses on developing leadership skills for the professional nurse. Topics include patient care management, evaluation of outcomes, healthcare systems, legal safeguards, ethics, finance, policy, and personal/professional development. Prereqs: ECRN 330 and ECRN 340.

ECRN 486 - Capstone III (1)

Builds upon Capstone II. Topics include evidence-based practice, quality improvement models, and implementation of a scholarly project. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. Prereqs: ECRN 386 and ECRN 426.

ECRN 492 - Transitions in Care (5)

A focus on the application of nursing knowledge and skills to promote patient care in a variety of transitional care settings across the lifespan. Topics include care coordination, increasing access to care, preventing hospital readmissions, cost-effective care for specific populations, and shared decision-making plans of care. Prereqs: ECRN 340, ECRN 360, ECRN 380, ECRN 386, ECRN 390, ECRN 426, and ECRN 430.

Continuing Studies - Organizational Leadership

ECOL 305 - Information Systems and Technology I (3)

First of two courses designed to give the student a solid understanding of information systems and technology. The connection between effective management and strategic implementation of information technologies will be explored along with the importance of management information systems, hardware and software considerations, database processing, and cloud computing. Lab exercises will allow the student to develop the critical competencies needed to function as a leader in the workplace. Prereq: ECCO 100.

ECOL 310 - Supervision (3)

Case-study intensive course. With the use of written as well as video case studies, the student will be placed in the role of a supervisor. Students will acquire the theoretical knowledge and refine the interpersonal communication, decision-making, conflict resolution, and other supervisory skills most important for immediate and future career success. Prereq: ECOL 300.

ECOL 311 - Organizational Learning Design and Technology (3)

This course provides a foundation of learning design and learning technology integration for organizational leaders and managers. The goal is to introduce organizational leaders to the concepts of instructional design practices and the various methods of addressing instructional needs within an organization. Course topics include instructional design methodologies, adult learning theory, assessing learning needs, measuring learning outcomes, and the technological tools to facilitate workplace learning. Offered: Spring.

ECOL 315 - Workplace Diversity (3)

Examination of the concepts of workplace diversity through historical, societal, practical, and theoretical lenses. This course is designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills to be culturally aware managers and employees.

ECOL 320 - Human Behavior in Organizations (3)

Survey course that provides students with the fundamental concepts and principles of human and organizational behavior. The study of interpersonal relationships and communication in the workplace, as well as self-assessment, prepare the student for successful leadership roles.

ECOL 325 - Employment Law for Managers (3)

Introduction to the laws and regulations affecting the employment relationship. Federal and state laws that affect the employer-employee relationship, including the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII); the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA); the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 (PDA); the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA); the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA); the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA); the Alabama Age Discrimination in Employment Act (AADEA); Alabama Workers' Compensation Law; and H.B. 56 (Alabama's immigration law) will be explored in depth. Prereq: ECOL 300.

ECOL 380 - Social Media Fundamentals (3)

This course is an introductory overview and application of social media in an organizational leadership capacity. Since social media is a broad area of study and application across several organizational areas, such as marketing, public relations, community outreach, and development, this course is structured to offer a more "high level" explanation of the nuances of the subject. Offered: Fall.

ECOL 381 - Social Media Content Strategies (3)

This course is an intermediate-level application of social media in an organizational leadership capacity. This course is structured to offer more “in-depth” concepts of managing social media as part of an organization. Maximizing opportunities on various social media platforms and completing analytic and campaign functions will adapt study to applied knowledge. Prereq: ECOL 380. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ECOL 382 - Social Media Content Creation (3)

This course is an advanced-level application of social media content creation and implementation in an organizational leadership capacity. This course is structured to move from strategy to content creation in order to engage an organization's social media audiences. The use of static, video, dynamic, ephemeral and interactive content are introduced, discussed and practiced. Prereqs: ECOL 380 and ECOL 381. Offered: Spring.

ECOL 383 - Social Media Campaigns (3)

This course is the capstone course for social media practices, content creation and strategic management. Culminating in a comprehensive social media strategic campaign, this course utilizes extensive hands-on application of all of the elements of social media campaign from inception to evaluation. Students will have significant and purposeful leadership over the social media campaign. Prereqs: ECOL 380, ECOL 381, and ECOL 382. Offered: Spring.

ECOL 405 - Information Systems and Technology II (3)

Designed to follow ECOL 305 (Information Systems and Technology I), this course will continue the same themes while addressing additional IT considerations and implications for business. Students will develop an understanding of information systems and security management, structured processes, and social media information systems, as well as how to use IT for competitive advantage. Students in this course will continue to develop their skills in MS Excel and MS Access. Prereq: ECOL 305.

ECOL 420 - Leadership for Organizational Change (3)

Through extensive case study, this course explores the theories and principles behind organizational change. The influences of technology, culture, diversity, ethics, mission, vision, and motivation will be examined. Students will learn how successful leaders respond dynamically to effect positive change in their organizations. Prereqs: ECOL 320, ECPS 101, and ECSO 100.

ECOL 450 - Non-Profit Leadership (3)

Non-Profit Leadership is designed to totally immerse students into the world of nonprofits. Students will gain a greater understanding of how leaders organize, develop, and lead nonprofit organizations. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ECOL 456 - Special Topics in Organizational Leadership (1-3)

A specialized advanced study in topics related to organizational leadership. Specific course descriptions will vary, depending on the topic offered. May be repeated, if topics are different, for a maximum of 9 credits. Offered: Summer.

Continuing Studies - Philosophy

ECPI 401 - Business Ethics (3)

Examination of the application of ethics to business, specifically how to think and act ethically in business. Concentrates on ethical analyses of moral issues involved with the foundations and operations of business. Become familiar with the main tenets of thinking ethically, of virtue-based ethics, deontological ethics, and utilitarianism, and how to apply these insights toward and ethical evaluation of business.

Continuing Studies - Political Science

ECPO 211 - American National Government (3)

Introduction to the political process in America with a focus on national political institutions.

Continuing Studies - Project Management

ECPM 300 - Project Management (3)

Offers an overview of generally accepted project management concepts to provide students with a foundation of project-related terms, processes, dynamics, and outcomes. Course topics will correspond with industry standards and prepare students for the projectized environments prevalent in today's complex, virtual, and global organizations.

ECPM 350 - Agile Project Management (3)

This course provides an overview of agile project management also known as *adaptive* project management. The course focuses on the principles, values, and practices of agile methodologies, which emphasize adaptability, collaboration, and iterative development. The course covers popular agile frameworks such as Scrum, Kanban and Lean which teach students how to efficiently manage projects in dynamic and rapidly changing environments. Students learn to prioritize customer satisfaction, respond to changing requirements, and deliver incremental value in short time frames. Agile project management emphasizes team collaboration, self-organization, and continuous improvement. Practical exercises, simulations, and case studies are used to help students understand how to apply agile principles in real-world project scenarios. Prereq: ECPM 300. Offered: Fall.

ECPM 400 - Leadership in Project Management (3)

This course defines leadership in the context of project management. Students will gain an understanding of key leadership theories and practices that are applicable to project professionals, focusing on how to effectively motivate and manage project teams, navigate the various types of organizations, and promote a culture of collaboration and innovation. Topics will explore the various facets of leadership that are linked to project management. The course will cover the ways in which executing successful business changes require more than an ability or capacity to lead but demands evidence-based approaches that enable followers to take actions. As a result of this course, students will learn how to exert applicable leadership styles to influence team members to complete tasks, perform activities and achieve goals successfully. Prereqs: ECPM 300 and ECPM 350. Offered: Spring.

ECPM 450 - Contemporary Practices in Project Management (3)

This course is designed for aspiring or new professionals entering the field who desire to begin or enhance a career in project management. The CAPM equips students with the knowledge and skills to manage projects in the real world. The course outline covers the commensurate exam topics that are essential to prepare each student to sit for the exam. The CAPM exam is offered by PMI and is a premiere certification that allows certificate holders to stand out from the crowd. It is a foundational step towards pursuing higher-level certifications including PMI's gold standard in project management, the Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification. The certificate meets the educational hours required by the Project Management Institute (PMI©) to sit for the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM®) exam. Prereqs: ECPM 300, ECPM 350, and ECPM 400. Offered: Spring.

Continuing Studies - Public Health

ECPH 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)

This course provides students with the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts, and functions across the globe and in society. Emphasis is placed on the scientific and social basis for public health practice, plus the impact of critical public health concerns on society. Professional disciplines, organizations, and methods that interact to improve the public's health are addressed. Offered: Spring.

ECPH 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)

This course will introduce students to careers in epidemiology, including basic principles and tools used, and how they are applied to decision-making. The course will include basic research designs, estimating outcome measures, and establishing cause and effect and effectiveness of interventions to prevent and cure disease. Offered: Fall.

ECPH 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)

This course examines social, behavioral, and cultural factors that have an impact on global health. We will consider how health is influenced by factors such as age, gender, culture, race, ethnicity, and social class. Public health problems and their solutions will be analyzed in light of individual risk factors as well as larger structural forces. Multiple global health systems will be explored. Offered: Spring.

ECPH 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)

This is an introductory biostatistics course that explores the foundation and investigates the role of statistics in public health and healthcare. Various statistical methods used in practice and research will be explored with an emphasis on application and interpretation of results through a combination of lectures and problem-solving activities using various statistical software packages. No prior computing experience is required. Offered: Spring.

ECPH 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)

Health promotion, education, and prevention programs ultimately focus on changing health behavior. This course is intended to provide students in public health a solid grounding in social/behavioral theory and its application to health promotion programs. Offered: Fall.

ECPH 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)

This course addresses the basic concepts of public health-specific communication, including technical and professional writing, risk communication, and the use of mass media and electronic technology for population-based interventions. Offered: Spring.

ECPH 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)

This service-learning course is designed to provide students with proper knowledge and skills to work with diverse populations, develop cross-cultural competence, and identify and utilize culturally appropriate strategies in health care delivery and health promotion. Students will develop and demonstrate their cultural competence in weekly community engagement. Class time and assignments will support reflection on the community engagement experience, students' learning, and cultural and spiritual dimensions of health. Offered: Fall.

ECPH 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

This course provides students with an overview of the U.S. health system. Topics covered include the historical foundations and evolution, resources, processes, and outcomes of the U.S. healthcare system. The role of health policy in shaping the system's evolution in the past, present, and future is also considered. Offered: Fall.

ECPH 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)

This course provides students with techniques needed to develop, evaluate, and sustain successful drinking water and sanitation interventions for developing countries. It focuses on practical field and laboratory tools needed for different stages of projects, including assessment of perceived and actual need, alternative strategies for different environmental settings, assessing cost and financial sustainability of projects, laboratory and field techniques for assessing exposure to microbial and chemical agents, and measuring health outcomes (for baseline or effectiveness assessment). A brief overview of environmental issues that impact public health will also be covered. Offered: Spring.

ECPH 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

This course is designed for public health students to integrate, synthesize, and apply knowledge acquired during their coursework through cumulative and experiential activities. All students will complete a cumulative, integrated, scholarly/applied experience that serves as a capstone for the bachelor of science in public health degree. These experiences may include internships, service-learning projects, or research papers. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Continuing Studies - Psychology

ECPS 101 - General Psychology (3)

Comprehensive overview of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Topics include physiology, sensation and perception, learning, cognition, development, personality, and social psychology. This course is a prerequisite for all other courses in psychology.

ECPS 205 - Life-Span Development (3)

Survey of human thought and behavior from conception to death. Emphasis is placed on physical, moral, social, emotional, and cognitive development at each stage of life span.

ECPS 411 - Special Topics in Psychology (3)

Examination of a particular topic in psychology. Students may take the course more than once, if the topics are different, with permission of department chair. Prereq: Upper level standing or permission of department chair.

Continuing Studies - Religion

ECRE 101 - Introduction to the Bible I (3)

Survey of the history and writings of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, seeking to sensitize students to the Old Testament's religious, moral, and cultural significance. Offered: Spring.

ECRE 102 - Introduction to the Bible II (3)

Survey of the history and writing of the New Testament, seeking to sensitize students to the New Testament's religious, moral, and cultural significance. Offered: Spring.

ECRE 201 - Introduction to World Religions (3)

Investigation of the world's major living religions of both the Eastern and Western worlds.

ECRE 300 - Contemporary Ethical Issues (3)

Study of critical and ethical issues confronting Christians in today's world, with attention to ethical decision-making.

Continuing Studies - Sociology

EC SO 100 - Introductory Sociology (3)

Basic sociological concepts are used in the analysis of contemporary and past social life.

EC SO 203 - Contemporary Social Problems (3)

Analysis of such current social issues as population growth, crime, poverty, war, and agedness.

EC SO 345 - Juvenile Delinquency (3)

Focuses on the development, prevention, control, and treatment of juvenile delinquency.

EC SO 348 - Sociology of Family (3)

Study of how sociological theory and research applies to an understanding of the family in the social context including family as a social group, family as an institution within society, and family in global perspective across different societies. Critical questions include: What are the constraints of society on the family? What purpose does the family serve in the larger society? What roles do people play in the family? Who and what determines the assignment of those roles? What part does intimacy and sexuality play in family life? How do persons become involved in conflict and violence in families? What are the similarities and differences in family globally? Prereq: EC SO 100.

EC SO 401 - Social Psychology (3)

Examination of the interaction between the individual and the social environment as a major factor in human behavior.

Continuing Studies - Spanish

EC SP 101 - Elementary Spanish I (4)

Introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish.

EC SP 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)

Continuation of EC SP 101. Prereq: Successful completion of EC SP 101.

Continuing Studies - Theatre

ECTH 300 - Theatre Appreciation (3)

Study of the historical and literary significance of drama through the ages. The course follows the development of the theatre, paying particular attention to literary examples of each period and current trends of the modern theatre.

Continuing Studies - Writing Composition

EC WC 101 - Writing Composition I (3)

Introductory course in communication, emphasizing guided practice in listening, reading, and writing. Students gain proficiency in the use of library resources and in foundational computing skills. Students must write a minimum of four essays of polished prose that are revised through multiple drafts and carefully edited before submission. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to EC WC 102. Offered: Fall.

EC WC 102 - Writing Composition II (3)

This is a continuation of EC WC 101 with additional practice in composition. Special emphasis is placed on learning how to apply critical thinking skills to the process of reading and incorporating sources into their documents. A major project in this course is the academic research paper. Prereq: EC WC 101 with a grade of C- or better. Offered: Fall.

Continuing Studies - Youth Studies

EC YS 300 - Field Experience in Youth Studies (1-3)

Designed to supplement knowledge and skills acquired in the classroom by applying academic principles in a practical setting. Includes participation in an externship as well as on-campus seminar. Youth Studies majors must take three one-hour offerings in order to facilitate learning experiences in three different environments. May be repeated twice for a maximum of 3 credits.

EC YS 320 - Children and the Law (3)

Examines the relationship between children and the law at the state and federal levels. Topics covered include dependency, adoptions, delinquency, education, and special needs.

EC YS 330 - Child and Adolescent Development (3)

Application of theory and research about children and youth, with particular emphasis on the adolescent. Addresses how research findings can be used and how theories facilitate the understanding of behavior.

EC YS 331 - Family Dynamics (3)

Analysis of family functioning, strengths, and weaknesses, as well as how family members relate to each other. The importance of family roles and expectations, the impact of family origin on self-esteem and life choices, patterns of communication and conflict management are highlighted.

EC YS 340 - Working with Youth in Groups (3)

Study of group dynamics and group management as they relate to youth and adolescents. Focus on different types of settings in which adolescents are served by groups and the different types of groups utilized in youth work. Social, cultural, gender, racial, and other differences in group composition will be explored.

EC YS 349 - Basic Psychopathology (3)

Investigation of the major categories of disorders associated with personality pathology. Addresses symptomatology, therapeutic approaches and prognosis associated with specific disorders, anxiety-based disorders, somatoform disorders, dissociative disorders, psychoses, organic brain disorders, and psychophysiological disturbances.

EC YS 350 - The Adolescent Learner (3)

Provides students with a knowledge base that will support the ability to work effectively with the adolescent learner. Special emphasis will be given to understanding the complex configuration and implications of the adolescent brain.

EC YS 360 - Sociology of Children and Youth (3)

Exploration of the social construction of childhood over time and space, presenting a view of childhood distinct from popular notions. Concepts covered include social forces involved in shaping childhood in North America; how society has changed its definition of childhood over the years; how adolescents negotiate their social roles with each other and with adults; and how youth create their own culture distinct from adult culture. Social problems that youth experience are focal points for research in the course.

ECYS 401 - Counseling Children and Youth (3)

Presentation of theories, techniques, and strategies for working with children and adolescents and their families in a human service setting. Explores counseling issues related to this population with particular emphasis on the terminology, diagnoses, treatment options, and resources for the most common issues facing this population.

ECYS 481 - Human Services Administration (3)

Emphasizes the basic skills required to effectively manage agency staff and other resources in human service organizational settings. The focus of the course is on the unique needs of human service managers in planning, organizing, budgeting, and supervising their programs and organizations within an ever-changing social environment. Particular emphasis is placed on the role of counselor in the organization.

Dance

DANC 100 - Ballet Fundamentals (1)

Fundamentals of ballet dance technique for students new to the discipline and those with little formal training. A movement class which includes barre, floor, and center work; dance vocabulary; and discussions of the origins of ballet. Offered: Fall.

DANC 101 - Ballet I (2)

Instruction of ballet dance technique for students with some prior training. Emphasis on proper body alignment of all movements through the sequential training of the muscles, thereby reducing injuring and increasing ability. Students will improve movement memory and musicality and increase personal fitness while developing self-discipline and self-awareness. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DANC 102 - Ballet II (2)

Continuation of DANC 101. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 101 or instructor permit. Offered: Spring.

DANC 103 - Ballet III (1)

Intermediate ballet technique, choreography composition, and ballet history. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 102. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DANC 110 - Dance Seminar (1)

A seminar covering pertinent subjects outside the scope of the other dance classes. Includes exercises, experiences, and guest artists from the dance world. Offered: Fall.

DANC 111 - Somatic Practices and Injury Prevention (1)

Introduces dance conditioning and somatic principles. Covers theory and practice. Emphasizes body balancing in strength, flexibility and endurance training supported by knowledge of basic principles of anatomy and biomechanics. Includes stress management, nutrition, body image, and body connectivity work. Offered: Fall.

DANC 112 - Dance Improvisation (1)

Introduction to creative exploration in movement through improvisational and compositional exercises that access and develop imagination, find relationship between imagination and dance making, and enrich movement vocabulary. Offered: Spring.

DANC 201 - Jazz I (2)

Instruction of jazz dance technique. Emphasis on the elements of attitude, focus, energy, music, projection, and the combining of those elements with the dancer's own personal style. Students will develop performance quality, the ability to learn movement quickly and remember combinations, and the ability to move with the rhythm of a musical composition. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

DANC 202 - Jazz II (2)

Continuation of DANC 201. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 201 or instructor permit. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

DANC 210 - Dance Performance (0-1)

Dance performance participation course. Students will perform and may also choreograph, design costumes, sets, lights, or sound for dance performances. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Dance minors must complete course twice. Prereqs: DANC 101 and either DANC 201 or DANC 221. Offered: Spring.

DANC 211 - Tap Dance I (2)

Instruction of tap dance technique. Students will acquire skill and knowledge of basic tap dance steps while improving their physical fitness, body awareness, and problem-solving skills. Historical foundations, social dance aspects, and the application of tap dance to musical theatre dance will be studied. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

DANC 212 - Tap Dance II (2)

Continuation of DANC 211. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 211 or permission of instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

DANC 213 - Tap Dance III (2)

Intermediate tap technique, choreography composition, and tap history. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 212. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DANC 221 - Modern Dance I (2)

Instruction of modern dance technique. Emphasis on the techniques of modern dance pioneers of the early 20th century, and how this art form is similar yet very different from classical ballet. Students learn the physical aspects of alignment, succession, opposition, potential and kinetic energy, fall, weight, recovery and rebound, suspension, and isolation. Students will also strengthen muscles, increase flexibility, and coordination while developing self-discipline and self-awareness. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq/Co-req: DANC 102. Offered: Fall.

DANC 222 - Modern Dance II (2)

Continuation of DANC 221. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 221 or instructor permit. Prereq/Co-req: DANC 102. Offered: Spring.

DANC 223 - Modern Dance III (2)

Advanced-level work in modern and/or postmodern movement practices. Technical training, with emphasis on increased understanding of movement principles and ability to apply these to performance. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: DANC 222. Offered: Spring.

DANC 303 - Jazz III (2)

Intermediate study of jazz technique, choreography composition and jazz history. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DANC 202. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DANC 330 - Vernacular Dance (2)

An introduction to dance styles which have been developed naturally within a particular community. The specific style studied may vary each semester and may include Western social dances, hip hop, African, and Flamenco among others. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall.

DANC 360 - Company Dance (2)

Continued application of advanced dance techniques focusing on ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance styles. May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits. Prereqs: DANC 102 and DANC 202. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DANC 401 - Choreography (2)

Basic approach to the choreographic process, from the beginnings of the choreographic impulse to the completion of the dance, and including the costuming, staging and performance of the student-created work. Emphasis on using dance as a way to communicate through movement, with students applying and demonstrating critical and creative-thinking skills through self and peer evaluations. Includes coverage of National Dance Content Standards, which are necessary for the application of teaching dance in grades K-12. Prereqs: DANC 101, 201, and 301. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

DANC 410 - Dance History (3)

Survey of the history of dance from the 1500s through today, with emphasis on the 20th century. Topics include the progression of ballet from European court dance to its current forms; the development of modern dance in America and Europe; and the emergence of jazz dance. Pioneering choreographers, presenters, and performers, along with social and political influences on the art form, are explored. Prereq: DANC 102. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

DANC 450 - Dance Pedagogy (2)

Survey of the tools and approaches used in teaching all levels of dance. Particular focus is given to dance anatomy and teaching methods employed in a K-12 setting. Prereq: DANC 102. Offered: Spring.

DANC 451 - Musical Theatre Dance I (2)

Instruction of musical theatre dance styles. Emphasis is placed on accurate execution of movement and performance quality. Students will deepen their understanding of how dance contributes to the development of character and plot in musical theatre. Instruction will include dances from canonical repertoire and modern musicals. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: DANC 101, DANC 201, and DANC 211. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

DANC 452 - Musical Theatre Dance II (2)

Continuation of DANC 451. Instruction of musical theatre dance styles. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereq: DANC 451. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

DANC 480 - Senior Project: Dance (3)

Completion of a major project in dance, in conjunction with a faculty mentor. Senior work is expected to consolidate study during the previous three years; challenge the student to develop further depth, skill, clarity, and grasp in the chosen area; and demonstrate her/his readiness to pursue advanced work in this area. All projects include substantial research and writing but may take many forms. Interdisciplinary work across the broader college curriculum is encouraged. Required of all dance majors. Prereqs: Senior standing, completion of major requirements, and mentor choice on record. Offered: Spring.

Data Analytics

DATA 200 - Introduction to Spreadsheet Applications (1)

This course introduces students to the study of data analytics through a focus on analyzing business problems, questions, and decision making using spreadsheets. This course includes an emphasis on thinking analytically about problem solving and solving problems commonly occurring in business settings using spreadsheets. Co-req: DATA 201. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DATA 201 - Introduction to Data Analytics (3)

This course provides students with the fundamental concepts and tools needed to understand the role of statistics and data analytics in business organizations. By developing and embracing an analytical mindset, students will gain a foundational understanding of probability and statistics for data analysis used in business decision making. Evaluating these alternatives and gaining insight from past performance is the essence of data analytics. This course is designed as an introduction to data analytics, an area of business administration that considers the extensive use of data, methods, and fact-based management to support and improve decision making. Co-req: DATA 200. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DATA 301 - Intermediate Data Analytics (3)

This intermediate level course builds on both DATA 200 and DATA 201 through a focus on data management using diverse software applications, data analysis using Excel to test hypotheses in order to answer business questions, and communicating insights gained through the analysis. Prereqs: DATA 200 and DATA 201. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DATA 401 - Advanced Data Analytics (3)

Students in this course will continue their exposure to data analytics by studying advanced statistical techniques and methods, managing and manipulating large data sets in order to produce actionable information, and communicating this information to interested parties. Prereq: DATA 301. Offered: Fall and Spring.

DATA 402 - Data Management for Business Analytics (3)

This course builds on DATA 301 (Intermediate Data Analytics), to prepare students for practical business needs of data collection and data management. Focus is on the process from collecting data and preparing data for further analysis. This is a hands-on course with all assignments and exams in the computer laboratory. Prereq: DATA 301. Offered: Fall.

DATA 403 - Introduction to Data Mining (3)

Data mining is the process of selecting, exploring, and modeling large amounts of data to uncover previously unknown patterns of data. By applying data mining techniques, data analysts can fully exploit large databases, identifying potentially useful patterns and behavior, and gain a greater understanding of the data. The goal of data mining in business applications is to produce new knowledge that decision-makers can act upon. This model produces patterns in the information that can support decision-making and predict new business opportunities. Prereq/Co-req: DATA 401. Offered: Spring.

DATA 421 - Data Visualization for Business Analytics (3)

Data visualization for business analytics introduces students to the field of business analytics. Students learn fundamental concepts and skills of data visualization. This practical course aims to help students advance in their career field of interest. Offered: Summer.

DATA 425 - Sports Analytics (3)

This undergraduate course provides a foundational understanding of Sports Analytics, bridging the gap between sports and data analytics. Students will explore how descriptive, predictive, and prescriptive modeling can inform sports performance and strategic decisions. The course will include coverage of key team and individual performance metrics, data visualization and analysis reporting, and hands-on application of concepts in a variety of software tools. Prereq: DATA 301. Offered: Fall.

DATA 444 - Topics in Data Analytics (3)

Study of topics in data analytics of current interest. The course provides the opportunity to obtain additional depth of knowledge in areas such as data warehousing, data management, data mining, strategic uses of data, and data analysis techniques and applications. Topics subject to change; see class schedule for course title. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: DATA 301. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

DATA 499 - Data Analytics Internship (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learning in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of data analytics and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: DATA 301; permission from Academic Programs Office, Brock School of Business and Data Analytics faculty. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Economics

ECON 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics (3)

Study of macroeconomics, providing a theoretical framework from which aggregate economic events such as inflation, unemployment, and economic growth are explained. The framework is used for analysis of current and potential problems of society. This course provides an organizing structure for understanding how the world economy works, providing the student with some ability to predict future economic events. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

ECON 202 - Principles of Microeconomics (3)

Study of microeconomics, providing a theoretical framework from which the operations of and interrelationships between individual markets are explained. The market system allows for effective coordination of economic decisions of consumers and business firms. This course provides the organizing structure for understanding the operations of the business firm and the markets that it serves. Prereq: MATH 110, MATH 130 (or higher), MATH 240, or MATH 260. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

ECON 301 - Intermediate Macroeconomics (3)

Examination of forces that determine growth, income, and employment in economic systems, with special reference to the United States and other industrialized countries. Understand the causes of unemployment and inflation and the role of government in maintaining stable prices and sustained growth. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: Fall.

ECON 302 - Intermediate Microeconomics (3)

Focus on the optimizing behavior of individuals and firms as they interact in markets. Topics will include the consumer theory, the theory of the firm, risk and uncertainty, models of perfect and imperfect competition, asymmetric information, as well as advanced modeling of externalities and public goods. Prereq: ECON 202. Offered: Spring.

ECON 394 - Development Economics (3)

Cross-disciplinary introduction to the scope, causes, and consequences of poverty. Examination of the various measures of poverty as well as economic theories to explain differences in income, wealth, and economic growth among regions. Emphasis on understanding poverty issues from a Biblical perspective. Course material examines a wide variety of anti-poverty strategies used by faith-based organizations and international nonprofit agencies. Cross-listed with POLS 394. Offered: May Term.

ECON 401 - Money and Banking (3)

Examination of determinants of the money supply; overview of the nation's financial system and the activities of non-banking institutions; in-depth discussion of commercial banking; and study of the structure and functions of the Federal Reserve System. Includes monetary theory and the mechanisms connecting the money supply with economic activities, as well as the weaknesses of monetary policy. Discussions cover the relations and effects of the world's banking systems, including the International Monetary Fund. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: On rotation.

ECON 410 - Game Theory (3)

Elementary examination of the theory of games and strategic behavior with an emphasis on applications. Topics discussed include strategic-form games, extensive-form games, and games of asymmetric and incomplete information. Various equilibrium concepts also discussed. The course will apply game theoretic concepts to strategic behavior in the social sciences, particularly economics and political science, with applications ranging from cartel behavior to international diplomacy. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: On rotation.

ECON 415 - Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (3)

This course considers issues like property, liberty, collective action, and justice by bringing the ideas of philosophers, political theorists, and economists into conversation with one another. The course emphasizes analysis and evaluation of classic and contemporary texts through class discussion and written work. Prereq: ECON 201.

ECON 420 - International Economics (3)

Analysis of the theoretical principles underlying international trade, investment, and the international monetary system. Includes effects on domestic and foreign economics of commercial, monetary, and fiscal policies. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: On rotation.

ECON 421 - Behavioral Economics (3)

Examination of the various contexts in which economic agents act in a manner that is contrary to the usual assumptions of neoclassical economic theory. Particular emphasis is given to prospect theory and to violations of the neoclassical assumptions of rationality and utility maximization. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

ECON 425 - Econometrics (3)

Introduces students to regression methods for analyzing data in economics and related areas. Emphasizes both the theoretical and practical aspects of statistical analysis and focuses on techniques for estimating econometric models of various kinds and interpreting the estimates from such models. The objective is for the student to learn how to conduct-and how to critique-empirical studies in economics and related fields. Prereq: DATA 201. Offered: On rotation.

ECON 426 - Topics in Economics (3)

Study of topics in economics of current interest. The course provides the opportunity to obtain additional depth of knowledge in areas such as public economics, political economy, and international monetary economics. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

ECON 430 - Law and Economics (3)

Introduction to the use of microeconomic concepts as a means to understand law and the American legal system. Emphasis on the economic analysis of the common law--that is, property, contract, tort, and criminal law. Prereq: ECON 201 or ECON 202. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

ECON 435 - Public Finance and Public Policy (3)

Study of theoretical and empirical public finance and policy analysis, with special attention to the economic evaluation of current policy questions. Analysis of government involvement in markets, including but not limited to: political economy, major government welfare and redistributive programs, education policy, health policy, environmental policy, tax policy, and the division of powers among federal, state, and local governments. Prereqs: ECON 201 and ECON 202. Offered: Spring.

ECON 450 - Labor Economics (3)

Labor economics is the field that covers topics such as where people work, why some people are unemployed, and how much you will get paid after college. We will apply economic theory to address the important question of how humans fit into the modern economy. Offered: On rotation.

ECON 493 - Business Internship: Economics (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes several seminars, presentations, and counseling at Samford in conjunction with on-site learning taking place at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of economics and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: ECON 201 and ECON 202; permission from Office of Internship, School of Business, and economics faculty. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Education

EDUC 200 - Foundations of Education (3)

Foundations of Education is an introductory course designed for prospective teachers, providing a comprehensive overview of the foundational aspects of the educational system and teaching profession. It aims to equip students with a deep understanding of the complex connection between educational philosophy, history, ethics, and the diverse realities of today's classrooms. Through an exploration of contemporary educational issues, this course prepares candidates to navigate the evolving landscape of education with insight, empathy, and a commitment to equity and excellence. Throughout the course, professional dispositions and professional responsibilities of teaching are introduced and reinforced through lessons, service learning, and field experiences. Co-req: EDUC 206.

EDUC 201 - Sign Language I (1)

Introduction to finger spelling as well as American Sign Language issues pertaining to the deaf community.

EDUC 202 - Issues and Trends in Special Education (2)

This course is an introduction to special education issues and trends to be taken by prospective teacher education candidates. Students will review the history of special education; laws and legislation in special education; current practices in special education; characteristics of students with disabilities; identification and teaching of students with disabilities; accommodations, modifications, and adaptations for students with disabilities; and impact of special education services on the general education classroom.

EDUC 204 - Tutoring Experiences in Education (2)

Provides an introductory field experience opportunity for undergraduates interested in pursuing a career in teaching.

EDUC 206 - Field Experience in Education I (1)

This one-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to allow students to explore teaching and learning through observation of and engagement with P-12 students. EDUC 206 provides the opportunity for students to observe the intersection of theoretical learning and practical application. This course serves as a platform to engage in authentic teaching and learning activities and offers various opportunities to future teacher education candidates. Students will be in the field for a minimum of 20 hours over the semester. Co-req: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 213 - Adolescent Development within the Educational Culture (2 or 4)

Study of the life span between childhood and adulthood, a time when major adaptations are made in the total organism. Emphasis on these adjustments, including modifications of a physiological, physical, psychosocial, sexual, moral, and cognitive nature. Special consideration given to education of the adolescent, including gender differences, learning styles, learning theories, and motivation. Primary focus on how adolescents are impacted by these changes, how they deal with them, and how this is reflected in their behavior within the educational environment, plus implications for the educator. Course credits subject to change.

EDUC 223 - Introduction to Technology (1)

Introduction to currently available technology for prospective teachers. Includes instruction on how students can use various media in their classrooms, in their own education, and in their own professional careers. Emphasis on how multimedia can be used to meet the needs of various learning styles.

EDUC 300 - Integrated Arts in the Elementary School Classroom (3)

This course is designed to equip prospective teacher education candidates with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively integrate the arts and literature into content areas in the elementary and early childhood classrooms. In the context of the course the term 'arts' includes literature as an essential component of arts integration. This course is tailored for prospective elementary educators who aspire to apply a multidisciplinary approach situating literacy as a foundation for learning into their teaching practice to create rich, inclusive, and engaging learning experiences for all students. Recognizing the transformative power of quality arts-integrated instruction, this course underscores its potential to enhance student achievement, comprehension, motivation, and engagement across diverse learning communities. Prospective teachers will learn to critically examine digital and print texts with a critical lens to ensure high quality and multicultural perspectives are included. Additionally, candidates will explore pedagogical practices of the individual disciplines and create lessons that address critical competencies across a wide range of subject areas. Teaching science, social studies, physical education, health, math and ELA through an inquiry, arts-based approach will strengthen candidates' content and pedagogical knowledge of early childhood and elementary curriculum. Through a blend of theoretical frameworks, pedagogical strategies, and practical field experiences, candidates will learn how to create dynamic, inclusive, and responsive learning environments where arts integration fosters meaningful learning, encourages mastery, and supports problem-solving and creative thinking. Co-req: EDUC 306. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 301 - Diverse Learners in Today's Classroom (1)

This course is designed to equip students with essential knowledge and practical skills to create and implement content curriculum and pedagogical strategies that address the diverse needs of students in today's classrooms. This course emphasizes the importance of understanding and addressing gender, linguistic, socio-economic, social-emotional, and multicultural differences to foster an inclusive and equitable learning environment. Throughout the course, students will explore key topics such as multicultural education, cultural awareness, and appreciation; social-emotional learning; culturally responsive teaching and assessment; implicit bias; and the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion. These concepts will be examined in the context of current educational practices and the challenges faced in modern classrooms. Candidates will learn to design, adapt, and deliver instruction that recognizes and supports each student's unique learning strengths and needs. They will develop strategies for creating opportunities that allow students to demonstrate their learning in diverse ways, while also making appropriate provisions for individual differences such as pacing, communication, and assessment modes. The course will emphasize the importance of integrating learners' prior knowledge, personal experiences, and cultural backgrounds into instructional planning, ensuring that content is accessible and relevant to all students. Key areas of focus include the use of language development tools to support English language learners, strategies for addressing exceptional needs, and methods for incorporating students' cultural and community values into the curriculum. Students will also gain insights into second language acquisition processes and how to support language development effectively. Field experience is an integral component of the course, providing candidates with practical opportunities to apply their learning in real classroom settings. This hands-on experience will enable them to engage with diverse learners, implement inclusive teaching practices, and reflect on their ability to create supportive and engaging learning environments. By the end of the course, candidates will be well-prepared to address the diverse needs of their students, promote high achievement for all learners, and create an inclusive classroom environment where every student feels valued and supported. Offered: Fall, Spring, and May Term, as needed.

EDUC 302 - Research in Special Education (3)

This course reviews the specific characteristics and needs of students with high and low incidence disabilities identified in the early childhood and elementary years. This course will teach candidates how to manage the varied behavioral and medical needs of students with disabilities, as well as how to implement evidence-based practices in behavior management, academic instruction, and family involvement in the P-6 classroom. Prereqs: EDUC 200 and EDUC 202.

EDUC 303 - Assessment Procedures and Processes for Students with Disabilities in the P-6 Classroom (3)

This course serves as an overview of assessment procedures and processes in special education. Candidates will learn of the current processes and procedures in place for referral, placement, and reevaluation in special education. Students will be taught how to assess student progress using both standardized and non-standardized assessment instruments. Candidates will also be taught how to interpret test results into a report-like format and explain test results to parents and other professionals. Students will be able to use the results from an assessment team report to write an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) focused on the individual needs of a student. Prereqs: EDUC 200 and EDUC 202.

EDUC 305 - Teaching in the Middle School (4)

Study of middle school philosophy and objectives. Emphasis on curriculum plans and activities for meeting the educational needs of preteens and early teenagers.

EDUC 306 - Field Experience in Education II (1)

This one-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to allow teacher candidates to explore teaching and learning through observation of and engagement with K-6 students. EDUC 306 provides the opportunity for ESEC and Elementary Teacher Education candidates to observe the intersection of theoretical learning and practical application of children's literature and other literary arts in a school setting. Through authentic practice in classroom settings, candidates are able to apply arts integration concepts, with a focus on literary arts, in diverse educational contexts. This course serves as a platform for candidates to engage in experiential teaching and learning activities, houses clinical-based assignments and offers various opportunities to future teacher education candidates. Students will be in the field for a minimum of 20 hours over the semester. Co-req: EDUC 300. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 307 - Foundations of Leadership (4)

Introduction to the foundations of leadership and the importance of principled leadership in all areas of life.

EDUC 308 - Christian Education and Missions Internship (3)

This course is designed to provide undergraduate teacher education candidates the aims, methods, and principles of teaching in a mission setting, with regards to local, national, and international conditions. This course is designed to support pre-service teachers who desire to participate in educational missions.

EDUC 309 - Issues and Trends in Christian Education (3)

This course is designed to provide undergraduate teacher education candidates an overview of Christian education: the history, goals, and issues, and function within the community. In addition, candidates will be guided to discover their own spiritual gifts that will inform their personal philosophy of Christian education.

EDUC 310 - Health and Physical Education for Elementary School Teachers (1)

This course is designed to provide future elementary classroom teachers with knowledge of providing quality, daily physical education and movement experiences in the classroom throughout the day. Material presented in this course describes changes in movement behavior occurring throughout the lifespan and the influences of variables such as growth and maturation, physical fitness development, and perceptual motor development upon these changes. The purpose is to establish a foundation for effective teaching in the cognitive, affective, and physical domain. Offered: Fall and Spring, as needed.

EDUC 315 - Teaching Methods and Management in Secondary Classrooms (3)

This course is designed to expose prospective teachers to methods of teaching, classroom management, and the creation of effective learning environments for pre-adolescent and adolescent students with a goal of appreciating the great diversity that exists among students today. Emphasis is upon developing reflective practitioners who draw upon an array of solutions to classroom challenges as represented in literature, research, and informed practice in the field of secondary education. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 317 - Field Experience In Education II-SEED (2)

This two-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to provide undergraduate candidates with authentic experiences in a 6-12 school setting. EDUC 317 provides the opportunity for candidates to integrate theoretical learning and practical application. This course serves as a platform for candidates to engage in real-world teaching and learning activities and houses all clinical-based assignments and offers various opportunities to practice and refine skills. Candidates are intentionally immersed in a classroom and within a school culture. Candidates are given opportunities to actively participate in the teaching and learning process. Candidates will be in the field for a minimum of 30-45 hours over the semester. Prereq: EDUC 200. Co-req: EDUC 414. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 320 - Field Experience in Education III (2)

This two-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to provide undergraduate candidates with authentic experiences in a P-6 school setting. EDUC 320 provides the opportunity for candidates to integrate theoretical learning and practical application. This course serves as a platform for candidates to engage in real-world teaching and learning activities and houses all clinical-based assignments and offers various opportunities to practice and refine skills. Candidates are intentionally immersed in a classroom and within a school culture. Candidates are given opportunities to actively participate in the teaching and learning process. Candidates will be in the field for a minimum of 30-45 hours over the semester. Co-req: EDUC 321. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 321 - Foundations and Applications of Effective Planning and Instruction (3)

This course is designed for elementary, special education, and early childhood education majors focused on a P-6 teaching, emphasizing instructional design and the application of effective instructional strategies. The course provides pre-service teachers with foundational knowledge and practical skills for intentional planning, teaching and professional teaching responsibilities. It aims to deepen prospective teachers' understanding of individual learner differences and how to adapt strategies and resources to improve student understanding. The course addresses the variation in culture, language, and ability among communities of learners, emphasizing the teacher's role in responding to students' needs to positively impact learning. Candidates are encouraged to develop instructional strategies and resources that support informed decision-making to maximize each learner's potential. EDUC 321 equips future educators to manage the complexities of instructional planning and implementation, combining theoretical insights with hands-on experience. Coursework is intentionally designed to prepare candidates to create diverse and engaging learning environments that support learner growth and development. Prereq: EDUC 200. Co-req: EDUC 320. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 322 - Teaching Language Arts in the Early Childhood & Elementary Classroom (2)

This course is designed for elementary and early childhood education majors interested in a P-6 teaching career. The purpose of the course is to establish a foundation of content and application relative to the teaching of language arts as it relates to the P-6 curriculum emphasizing reflective decision making and integrated teaching/learning strategies. Methodologies utilized will include discussion, lecture, field experiences, case studies, problem solving sessions, projects, and research. A field experience component is embedded. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 323 - Overview of Child Development (2)

Establishment of a comprehensive knowledge base of developmental characteristics regarding the child of elementary school age (nine to eleven). Includes major developmental theories related to the areas of cognition, learning, motivation, communication, language acquisition, physical, social, psychological, and moral development.

EDUC 325 - Teaching of Reading I (3)

This course is designed to introduce prospective teachers of children in grades pre-kindergarten through third grade to principles of early learning acknowledging cultural, social, and developmental differences among children. This course develops prospective teachers' understanding of language development and literacy as fundamental to learning and academic development. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 326 - Math III: Operations with Numbers in Early Childhood (3)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of foundational mathematical concepts aligned with the K-2 standards in the Alabama Course of Study (ALCOS). The focus will be on developing a strong understanding of counting principles, the structure of the Base Ten number system, and basic operations with numbers. Topics include number sense, place value, addition, subtraction, and strategies for building fluency with these operations. Students will engage with hands-on activities, instructional strategies, and assessment techniques designed to support young learners in developing critical mathematical skills. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 327 - Elementary Content Methods: Science and Social Studies (3)

This course equips prospective elementary and early childhood teachers with the strategies and pedagogical skills necessary to teach science and social studies effectively. This course emphasizes the development of deep content knowledge and the application of inquiry-based teaching methods. Candidates will learn to foster an engaging learning environment that encourages students to explore and understand the world around them. The curriculum is designed to prepare candidates to deliver science and social studies instruction that not only meets educational standards but also ignites curiosity and critical thinking in young learners. Special emphasis is given to adapting instruction for diverse learners, including strategies to support struggling readers across the curriculum and to provide developmentally appropriate instruction that promotes mastery, generalization, and the cultivation of critical thinking skills in science and social studies. EDUC 327 prepares prospective teachers to deliver comprehensive and engaging science and social studies education, emphasizing the importance of inquiry, adaptability, and critical thinking in fostering students' understanding of their world. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 328 - Math IV: Operations and Algebraic Thinking for Elementary Teachers (3)

This course explores the K-5 mathematics content from the Alabama Course of Study (ALCOS) with a focus on Operations and Algebraic Thinking. Students will examine key concepts such as understanding and applying the four operations, recognizing patterns and relationships, and developing early algebraic reasoning. Emphasis will be placed on building connections between arithmetic and algebraic thinking, including working with expressions, equations, and problem-solving strategies. The course integrates pedagogical approaches, including hands-on activities, collaborative learning, and effective questioning techniques, to support the development of students' conceptual understanding and procedural fluency. Instructional strategies for differentiating lessons and assessing student progress in algebraic thinking will also be addressed. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 331 - Curriculum Applications in Diverse Secondary Classrooms (3)

This course is designed to provide prospective secondary teachers opportunities to apply conceptions of curriculum, instruction, classroom management and discipline, multimedia, and human resources, and assessment in the context of an actual classroom. Prospective secondary education teachers design and teach a mini-unit using problem-based learning techniques and analyze assessment data collected in the field to determine the effectiveness of their teaching. Emphasis is upon developing reflective classroom practitioners who consider a wide array of classroom variables in analyzing a particular educational context. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 373 - Practical Classroom Experience (1)

Intensive clinical experiences in a public or private school classroom, focusing on methodologies and strategies for successful classroom performance. Designed for P-12 teacher education majors.

EDUC 401 - Assessment of Reading (3)

This course develops prospective teachers' understanding of a broad array of individually administered diagnostic reading assessments, including informal inventories and standardized norm-referenced and curriculum-based tests. Candidates use assessment results to plan a reading intervention that is specifically designed to meet the diverse learning needs of a P-6 student. This course will address the use of formal and informal assessment procedures used to design and evaluate robust reading instruction and intervention for preschool through elementary aged students. The course includes the knowledge and skills needed to choose and administer appropriate reading assessments for a variety of purposes, data-based decision making to guide instructional planning and intervention design and understanding struggling readers including those with reading disabilities. Candidates will be instructed on how to apply both formal and informal assessments to a problem-solving model aimed at the design of robust reading instruction. An emphasis will be placed on creating Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) to support all students. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 402 - Methods & Strategies for Teaching Students w/Disabilities in the P-6 Classroom (3)

This course is designed for prospective teachers of children from preschool through grade six. The course focus is given to the principles of early childhood special education and elementary collaborative teaching. Emphasis is placed on teaching methods and strategies appropriate for meeting individual needs of students with disabilities. Case studies, seminars with community and educational leaders, and technology will serve as vehicles for reflection and, in addition, will provide opportunities to develop decision-making skills necessary to make appropriate curricular and instructional choices for children with diverse needs. Prereqs: EDUC 302 and EDUC 303.

EDUC 403 - Clinical Internship in P-6 Special Education (4)

The purpose of this course is to prepare prospective collaborative special education teachers to facilitate student learning by providing opportunities to apply sound educational practices within the school setting in a variety of special education settings. Emphasis is given to developing the ability of prospective teachers to become reflective decision makers and problem solvers in the classroom as they practice the adaptation, implementation, and assessment of lessons for special needs children. Prospective teachers are provided with experiences in inclusive and collaborative settings and opportunities to apply problem-based learning and classroom management techniques. Prereqs: EDUC 202, EDUC 302 and EDUC 303. Offered: Fall.

EDUC 407 - Cross-Cultural Practicum (1-4)

Practicum experience involving a sustained-direct relationship with people of different cultural groups. Students complete assigned tasks under supervision, after making a thorough study of the culturally different groups. See advisor.

EDUC 408 - Curricular Applications in Educational Missions (3)

This course is designed to provide undergraduate teacher education candidates the opportunity to create educational curricula to be used in a local mission setting. Candidates will be placed in local nonprofit organizations serving K-6 children and will be required to develop an educational program to provide educational outreach. Samford's Christian mission will be evident in this course as candidates will be encouraged in their intellectual development, faith, and service to others.

EDUC 409 - Meeting Success in a Diverse World (3)

Examination of the richness of cultural differences evidenced by students in a pluralistic modern society and of the ways these differences may be utilized in instruction to bring about achievement of all students. See advisor.

EDUC 412 - Assessment for the Elementary Classroom (2)

This course is designed to introduce prospective teachers to the importance of utilizing assessment strategies to inform instruction. This course develops prospective teachers' understanding of assessment strategies, uses and planning. Students in this course will develop an understanding of the diverse abilities, experiences, and backgrounds of elementary students as well as identify appropriate learning outcomes. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 413 - Classroom Management (2)

This course establishes a foundation of content and application relative to classroom management and discipline. There is an emphasis on reflective decision-making and integrated- teaching/learning strategies. Methodologies utilized include discussion, lecture, field experiences, projects and research. Designed for elementary and early childhood education majors contemplating a P-6 teaching career. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 414 - Reading, Writing, and Assessment across the Curriculum Areas (2)

Introduction to a variety of teaching strategies that encourage reading and writing across the curriculum areas. Includes assistance with identification of problems related to educational assessment, strategies for effective measurement of teacher performance, and an understanding of standardized testing, including selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of instrumentation. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 415 - Technology across the Curriculum (3)

This course is designed to prepare teacher education candidates for lifelong learning and service as a teacher by developing knowledge and skills related to the use of technology inside and outside of the classroom. The course includes some technology training as well as methods of integrating technology into education. Candidates will be required to demonstrate ways in which technology can be used effectively in the classroom to teach a wide variety of curriculum content and to meet the needs of diverse learners. Candidates are expected meet state and national standards, demonstrating competence in the use of available resources, and keeping current with the constantly changing technological environment. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 417 - Field Experience in Education III-SEED (1)

This one-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to provide undergraduate candidates with authentic experiences in a 6-12 school setting. EDUC 417 provides the opportunity for candidates to integrate theoretical learning and practical application. This course serves as a platform for candidates to engage in real-world teaching and learning activities and houses all clinical-based assignments and offers various opportunities to practice and refine skills. Candidates are intentionally immersed in a classroom and within a school culture. Candidates are given opportunities to actively participate in the teaching and learning process. Candidates will be in the field for a minimum of 30-45 hours over the semester. Prereq: EDUC 200. Co-req: EDUC 331. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 420 - Field Experience in Education IV (2)

This two-credit hour field experience practicum is a course designed to provide undergraduate candidates with authentic experiences in a P-6 school setting. EDUC 420 provides the opportunity for candidates to integrate theoretical learning and practical application. This course serves as a platform for candidates to engage in real-world teaching and learning activities and houses all clinical-based assignments and offers various opportunities to practice and refine skills. Candidates are intentionally immersed in a classroom and within a school culture. Candidates are given opportunities to actively participate in the teaching and learning process. Candidates will be in the field for a minimum of 30-45 hours over the semester. Co-req: EDUC 421. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 421 - Advanced Teaching, Learning, and Planning (3)

This course is structured to support pre-service teachers in their understanding of instructional design and implementation. The course serves to deepen candidates' understanding of how to support individual learners and will develop their ability to craft and deliver high quality instruction. Emphasizing conceptual thinking in content delivery, candidates learn to select and integrate appropriate strategies and resources to develop comprehensive conceptually based curriculum units. Through a blend of university instruction and a companion field experience course, candidates engage in hands-on clinical experiences across diverse educational settings and in immersive learning that bridges theory to practice. The course emphasizes content standards alignment, the establishment of clear learning objectives, the creation of engaging and inclusive lessons, and the adaptation of instruction for students with a variety of needs. Candidates explore high yield instructional strategies to foster content mastery and actively participate in ongoing professional development to refine their teaching. Collaboration is fostered through participation in professional learning communities, empowering candidates to explore educational issues through the discussion of equity and inclusion. Moreover, candidates are equipped with the skills to implement a variety of forms of assessment, interpret data to inform instruction, and cultivate culturally responsive teaching practices. By setting high expectations, fostering diverse learning environments, and forging meaningful connections with families and communities, candidates emerge as reflective practitioners dedicated to advocating for their students' development. Prereq: EDUC 321. Co-req: EDUC 420. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 425 - Teaching of Reading II (3)

This course is designed for elementary and early childhood education majors interested in a P-6 teaching career. The purpose of the course is to establish a foundation of content and application relative to an arts-based P-6 curriculum emphasizing reflective decision making and integrated teaching/learning strategies. Methodologies utilized will include discussion, lecture, field experiences, case studies, problem solving sessions, projects and research. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Spring.

EDUC 426 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary English/Language Arts Teacher (3)

Field-based advanced preparation of secondary level language arts/English teachers as professional educators who work collaboratively with fellow teachers, principals, and supervisors within an assigned secondary level school environment in their content area. Emphasis on establishing professional habits that ensure lifelong growth as language arts/English teachers.

EDUC 427 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary Mathematics Teacher (3)

Field-based advanced preparation of secondary level mathematics teachers as professional educators who work collaboratively with fellow teachers, principals, and supervisors within an assigned secondary level school environment in their content area. Emphasis on establishing professional habits that ensure lifelong growth as mathematics teachers.

EDUC 428 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary History/Social Science Teacher (3)

Field-based advanced preparation of secondary level history/social science teachers as professional educators who work collaboratively with fellow teachers, principals, and supervisors within an assigned secondary level school environment in their content area. Emphasis on establishing professional habits that ensure lifelong growth as history/social science teachers.

EDUC 429 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary Foreign Language Teacher (3)

Field-based advanced preparation of secondary level French, German, or Spanish teachers as professional educators who work collaboratively with fellow teachers, principals, and supervisors within an assigned secondary level school environment in their content area. Emphasis on establishing professional habits that ensure lifelong growth as French, German, or Spanish teachers.

EDUC 430 - Content Pedagogy for the Secondary Science Teacher (3)

This class is a field-based advanced preparation for secondary level science teachers as professional educators who work collaboratively with fellow teachers, principals, and supervisors within an assigned secondary level school environment in their content area. There is special emphasis on establishing professional habits that ensure lifelong growth as a science teacher.

EDUC 443 - Creative Classroom Materials (3)

Development of creative teaching materials that may be used in the preschool, elementary, or secondary school classroom. See advisor.

EDUC 473 - Internship for K-6 Elementary Education (12)

Supervised clinical internship for prospective teachers of elementary students, grades K-6. The internship experience is designed to provide a capstone learning opportunity of approximately 15 weeks for teacher education candidates in the professional semester. The internship is intended to be a full-time teaching experience.

EDUC 474 - Clinical Internship: Elementary (4)

This clinical internship is designed to provide an opportunity for ESEC teacher education students in their professional semester to participate in actual classroom experiences for seven (7) consecutive weeks in the elementary setting (K-6). The experience is intended to be full-time, with student teachers arriving at the school before 8:00 a.m. and remaining until after 3:00 p.m. Student teachers are expected to focus completely upon the classroom(s) and students to whom they are assigned. A major objective in this experience will be the refinement of the student teacher as a reflective decision maker.

Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 475 - High School Internship in Education (4)

Supervised clinical internship for prospective teachers of high school students, grades 9-12. The internship experience is designed to provide a capstone learning opportunity for teacher education candidates in the professional semester. The internship is intended to be a full-time teaching experience. See the Teacher Education Handbook for additional information. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall and Spring.

EDUC 476 - Clinical Internship: Early Childhood Education (4)

This field experience is designed to provide an opportunity for ESEC teacher education students in their professional semester to participate in actual classroom experiences for eight (8) consecutive weeks in early childhood settings. The experience is intended to be full-time, with student teachers arriving at the school before 8:00 a.m. and remaining until after 3:00 p.m. Student teachers are expected to focus completely upon the classroom(s) and students to whom they are assigned. A major objective in this experience will be the refinement of the student teacher as a reflective decision maker. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: EDUC 200.

EDUC 477 - Seminar in Clinical Internship (4)

This course is attached to the clinical internship completed during the professional semester by students in the Teacher Education programs. Students will attend professional development seminars and submit all work assignments completed during the professional semester for a letter grade.

EDUC 478 - Middle School Internship in Education (4)

This class is a supervised clinical internship for prospective teachers of middle school students. The internship experience is designed to provide a capstone learning opportunity for teacher education students in the professional semester. The internship is intended to be a full-time teaching experience. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: EDUC 200. Offered: Fall and Spring.

EDUC 479 - Teacher Education Capstone Field Experience: Non-Certification (12)

Culminating field experience that takes place over 15 consecutive weeks during the final semester in the non-certification seeking teacher education candidate's program. At least one segment takes place in a school setting. Enrollment in and completion of this course constitutes an agreement and understanding of the outcome of non-certification with ALSDE. Candidates will not be eligible to apply for a license to teach in the state of Alabama. School-based assignments are comprehensive in nature and have been designed to measure knowledge, skills, and dispositions acquired over the span of the program. Additional assignments specific to the candidate's placement will be designed collaboratively with the school/site representative and Samford's clinical coordinator, advisor, and department chair. Seminars will include those that allow supervisors to engage the candidate in discussion around field experiences, character education and topics of interest, and sessions designed to prepare and support candidates as they transition from college to career. Prereq: EDUC 200.

English

ENGL 200 - Literary London (4)

Exploration of classic British literature in conversation with later re-tellings, and their translations into theatre and film, using contextual perspectives. Limited to students enrolled at Samford's Daniel House London Study Centre.

ENGL 205 - Fiction and Film (4)

Study of the formal analysis of literary texts and films. Includes close readings of literature and film in contexts (e.g., cultural, historical, biographical, economic, political) that inform and are shaped by them.

ENGL 208 - Christianity and Literature (4)

This course examines how canonical and influential works of literature engage Christian theology, experience, and practice. Focus/topics may vary in different semesters, but course is not repeatable.

ENGL 211 - Introduction to Literature (4)

Introduction to the principles and practices of interpretation of literature and film, research methodology, and other skills and terminology essential to the discipline through a study of the chief genres of literature and of film with an emphasis on works from the canon and from non-mainstream literary traditions.

ENGL 214 - World Literature (4)

Survey of world literatures that tracks the development of literary themes and genres across diverse cultures beyond the U.S. and U.K., using the principles and practices of literary interpretation, research methodology, and other skills and terminology essential to the discipline. Offered: Fall.

ENGL 215 - British Literature Survey I: Beginnings to 1800 (4)

Chronological study of British literature from Beowulf to the end of the 18th century, using the principles and practices of literary interpretation, research methodology, and other skills and terminology essential to the discipline.

ENGL 216 - British Literature Survey II: 1800 to the Present (4)

Chronological study of British literature from the Romantic period to the present day, using the principles and practices of literary interpretation, research methodology, and other skills and terminology essential to the discipline.

ENGL 220 - American Literature Survey: From the Colonial Era to the Present (4)

Chronological study of American literature from its beginnings to the post-World-War period, using the principles and practices of literary interpretation, research methodology, and other skills and terminology essential to the discipline.

ENGL 250 - Introduction to Creative Writing (4)

An introduction to the writing of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. Emphasis on fundamentals of writing creatively, with students producing original work in each of the three genres.

ENGL 260 - Writing Process and Practice (4)

Introduction to writing as an academic discipline as well as an instrument for self-expression and participation in academic, professional, and social discourse communities. Requires extensive practice in writing and revising academic papers. Offered: Fall.

ENGL 263 - Tutoring Writing, Public Speaking, and Critical Thinking (0 or 1)

Introduction to the theory and practice of peer tutoring with particular focus on writing, speaking, and critical reading. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: UCS 102 with a minimum grade of A- or permission of the instructor.

ENGL 303 - Poetry (4)

Examination of the poetry genre. Investigation of representative texts and multiple practitioners in order to deepen competencies in interpreting literature and evaluating secondary sources. Also covered are major developments within the genre. Includes introduction to canon issues through examination of classical and non-classical, canonical and non-canonical, and multicultural literature.

ENGL 304 - Short Story (4)

Examination of the short story genre. Investigation of representative texts and multiple practitioners in order to deepen competencies in interpreting literature and evaluating secondary sources. Also covered are major developments within the genre. Includes introduction to canon issues through examination of classical and non-classical, canonical and non-canonical, and multicultural literature.

ENGL 305 - Novel (4)

Examination of the novel genre. Investigation of representative texts and multiple practitioners in order to deepen competencies in interpreting literature and evaluating secondary sources. Also covered are major developments within the genre. Includes introduction to canon issues through examination of classical and non-classical, canonical and non-canonical, and multicultural literature.

ENGL 306 - Drama (4)

Examination of the drama genre. Investigation of representative texts and multiple practitioners in order to deepen competencies in interpreting literature and evaluating secondary sources. Also covered are major developments within the genre. Includes introduction to canon issues through examination of classical and non-classical, canonical and non-canonical, and multicultural literature.

ENGL 309 - Special Topics in Literature (4)

Study of literary movements and/or particular thematic issues selected on the basis of student interest and faculty expertise. Cannot be used as a substitute for the general education humanities requirement. May repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Completion of University Core Curriculum.

ENGL 310 - Literary Theory (4)

Overview of the history, methodologies, and ideologies of literary and critical theory. In-depth study of contemporary critical methodologies affords students the opportunity to gain confidence in their own critical thinking and writing about literature. Prereq: ENGL 211.

ENGL 311 - Creative Writing: Short Fiction (4)

Survey of styles, techniques, and trends in current short fiction with emphasis placed on learning the craft of imaginative writing. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

ENGL 312 - Creative Writing: Poetry (4)

Survey of styles, techniques, and trends in current poetry with emphasis placed on learning the craft of imaginative writing. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

ENGL 320 - Old and Middle English Literature (4)

Study of literature from the period, including attention to historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 321 - Renaissance Literature (4)

Study of literature from the period, including attention to historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 322 - 18th Century British Literature (4)

Study of literature from the period, including attention to historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 323 - Romanticism in Literature (4)

Study of literature that engages the ideals of romanticism, including attention to historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds as well as the common literary forms and conventions used.

ENGL 324 - Early and 19th Century American Literature (4)

Survey of literature from the period, including study of historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 325 - Victorian Literature (4)

Survey of literature from the period, including study of historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 326 - Modern British Literature (4)

Survey of literature from the period, including study of historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 327 - Modern American Literature (4)

Survey of literature from the period, including study of historical, intellectual, and social backgrounds while focusing on the literary forms and conventions characteristic of the era.

ENGL 328 - Global Anglophone Literature (4)

Study of global literatures written in English. Introducing key concepts from postcolonial theory, the course explores the ongoing effects of (neo)colonialism in relation to race, identity, and literary form. Selected works from Africa, Asia, Micronesia, Indigenous North America, the Caribbean, and their diasporas. Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: As needed.

ENGL 329 - Diverse American Voices (4)

Study of American writers from diverse backgrounds whose work engages questions of representation and identity, especially with regard to race, class, ethnicity, and gender. Themes, time periods, and genres will vary. May be repeated once, for a different theme, for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Minimum grade of C- in UCS 102. Offered: As needed.

ENGL 330 - Junior Seminar (4)

In-depth study of the work of a single author or exploration of a special topic.

ENGL 333 - Internship (4)

Learning experience for advanced students working under the supervision of qualified professionals in an academic or business setting. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: Junior standing or above, 12 credits of English courses, and permission of the instructor.

ENGL 335 - Wide Angle Practicum (2)

This course is a practicum, consisting of the hands-on work of editing the *Wide Angle* journal and producing a complete issue. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: UCS 102 and ENGL 211, plus instructor permission.

ENGL 336 - History of the Book (4)

Overview of key topics in book history, accompanied by hands-on experience and case studies of particular books, events, and debates. Cross-listed with HIST 398 when the topics match. Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

ENGL 350 - Film History (4)

Examination of the historical development of film as an industry and a major modern art form, including important periods, movements, nationalities, genres, auteurs, and specific works. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

ENGL 355 - Auteurs (4)

Exploration of the work of one or more major film directors. Examines a representative sample of films, emphasizing formal cinematic analysis and survey of critical literature.

ENGL 360 - Grammar for Writers (4)

Examination of how grammar can enhance written communication. Students will analyze how grammar is used as a rhetorical tool and will demonstrate effective control of written grammar through exercises and writing practice. Offered: On rotation. (Formerly ENGL 261)

ENGL 361 - Professional Editing (4)

Study of editing concepts, including in depth examination of grammar, syntax, and lexicon. Students will learn to copyedit texts at both the micro- and macro-levels. Prereqs: ENGL 360; and UCS 102 or UFWR 101.

ENGL 362 - Technical Writing (4)

Study of writing to convey technical information to non-expert audiences. Students learn to create technical documents, such as technical manuals and instructions that adhere to best practices in technical communication. Students will also learn to conduct and report on appropriate usability testing. Students will learn best writing practices for both traditional and digital contexts. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101.

ENGL 363 - Legal Writing (4)

The course introduces students to the professional skills of legal writing and research. It emphasizes the mastery of replicable processes for structuring and articulating complex academic and legal arguments. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101.

ENGL 364 - Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose (4)

Development of advanced writing techniques, including an understanding of form, genre, and rhetorical purpose (e.g., the personal essay, nature writing, religious/inspirational writing, proposal).

ENGL 375 - Major Authors Seminar (4)

Examination of a single, influential author's corpus of work. Places these works in the author's biographical and historical context. May be repeated once, for a different author, for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101.

ENGL 398 - Special Topics in Writing (4)

Study of writing in specific contexts selected based on student interest and faculty expertise. Course topics may include travel writing, digital writing, or feature writing. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101.

ENGL 400 - History of the English Language (4)

Investigation of the theory, background, and development of the English language.

ENGL 410 - Senior Thesis (4)

Directed-study project focused on the development of an original thesis, derived from research begun in the junior-level class. Project combines research skills and the student's own critical analysis. Evaluated by external examiners and presented orally. Prereqs: UCS 102, UCT 102, ENGL 211, ENGL 310. Entrance into course by application to the department.

ENGL 420 - Comparative Literature (4)

Readings of literature in translation from various cultures and times, situating them in the professional context of the discipline.

ENGL 495 - Senior Seminar (4)

Reflection and synthesis of knowledge and experience gleaned from the English curriculum leading to the creation of a senior paper and preparation for the workforce. Must be a senior level student. Prereqs: UCS 102, UCT 102, ENGL 211, and ENGL 310.

English - Film Studies

FLME 207 - Introduction to Film Studies (4)

This course provides an introduction to the art of cinema and to the academic discipline of film studies. Our primary concern will be to understand cinema as a major modern artistic medium, one that is primarily narrative in orientation. This course will introduce students to the principles of film language and film form, including mise-en-scène, cinematography, editing, acting, and sound, as well as to the practice of engaging films critically.

FLME 351 - Film Adaptation (4)

Examination of the theory, practice, and products of film adaptation, including readings of primary source texts and the specific films adapted from those texts. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

FLME 356 - Special Topics in Film Studies (4)

Examination of film genres, auteurs, movements, periods, or nationalities selected on the basis of student interest or faculty expertise. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCS 102.

Entrepreneurship

ENTR 305 - Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mind (3)

This course is about developing an entrepreneurial mindset and entrepreneurial skills. This is a fast-paced class exposing individuals to hard work, hands-on exercises, and real-life scenarios that promote entrepreneurial thinking, innovative problem solving, and group collaboration. Students will advance a wide variety of skills enabling them to thrive in their professional life, no matter the direction. We look to build students' entrepreneurial intent and self-

confidence, providing a foundation for them to thrive in uncertain and highly complex environments requiring novel thinking and proactive problem solving. Content includes structured engagement around communication, collaboration, curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ENTR 384 - Financial Management of Non-Profit Entities (3)

Introduction to the financial statement model for non-profit entities with an emphasis on how the information in non-profit financial statements should be used to manage non-profit enterprises. Topical coverage includes planning and budgeting, analyzing results, techniques for financial decision making, and using financial information in motivating and rewarding performance. Prereq: ACCT 212. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

ENTR 401 - Discovering New Business and Product Ideas (3)

The primary goal of this course is to help students generate potential ideas for a new product or business. Through a combination of readings, brainstorming sessions, presentations, and on-line discussions, we will learn how to search for and identify entrepreneurial opportunities. Learning objectives of this course include generating several ideas for potential products or businesses based on important trends and each student's interests as well as developing each student's entrepreneurial mindset. The course can count as an elective for the entrepreneurship, management, or marketing major. Prereq: BUSA 100. Offered: Summer, on rotation.

ENTR 407 - Topics in Entrepreneurship (3)

Study of specific entrepreneurship topics of current interest, providing additional depth of knowledge in such areas as family business, innovation, new venture creation, venture capital, corporate entrepreneurship, and social entrepreneurship. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: BUSA 100. Offered: On rotation.

ENTR 408 - Family Business (3)

Study of the unique advantages and challenges of family business management. Examines critical issues such as corporate governance and management succession faced by managers in these firms. Prereq: ENTR 304. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

ENTR 409 - Management of Innovation (3)

Examination of the role of innovativeness in managerial processes, product design, and process design. The shrinking global environment is forcing a shift in emphasis from management of stability and control to leadership directed toward speed of product or service delivery, empowerment, flexibility, and continuous improvement. Any existing organization, whether a business, a church, a labor union, or a hospital is faced with the task of promoting and managing organizational innovation. Prereq: MNGT 303. Offered: On rotation.

ENTR 410 - Entrepreneurial Finance (3)

Emphasis on the fundamental issues of financing a small business. Topics include debt versus equity financing, venture and angel capital, business valuation, cash flow, and pro-forma financial statement development. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

ENTR 445 - Experiencing Entrepreneurial Ecosystems (3)

This course provides a high-engagement, experiential learning opportunity for entrepreneurial-minded students. Students are tasked with building out and implementing a business model, including the formalization of a written business plan. Guidance is offered on problem identification, problem validation, pricing, pivoting, and scaling. Additional resources may be provided in the form of (limited) seed capital, school-approved technologies, and supplemental mentoring. Further, students will be exposed to and will build connections with a wide variety of resources from the local and regional entrepreneurial community. Speakers may address topics such as legal structures, financing/funding, technology platforms, branding, pricing, and other applicable subjects. For junior and senior-level students. Prereq: ENTR 305. Offered: Spring.

ENTR 486 - Social Entrepreneurship and Not-for-Profit Management (3)

Examination of management topics unique to the particular objectives of nonprofit firms, including mission setting, governance, assessment, and fundraising. Using case studies and practitioner writings, the course develops an applied framework for analyzing key strategic issues for the nonprofit firm. Students integrate course content by developing a strategic plan for a new or existing nonprofit. Prereqs: FINC 321, MARK 311, and MNGT 303. Offered: Spring.

ENTR 487 - Applied Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management (1-3)

Students partner with local for-profit and non-profit organizations to develop new or to improve existing community outreach initiatives. Alternatively, students may design their own programs that target specific community needs. Grading is pass/fail. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

ENTR 488 - Small Business Consulting (3)

Project-based course in which students apply skills and concepts acquired in the core entrepreneurship courses to real-world small business issues. The course employs lectures, guest speakers, and class discussions involving an in-depth consulting project with a small business. Prereq: ENTR 485. Offered: Spring.

ENTR 494 - Business Internship: Entrepreneurship (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of entrepreneurship and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: ENTR 304; permission from Office of Internship, School of Business, and entrepreneurship faculty. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Finance

FINC 321 - Financial Management (3)

Examination of the theory and practice of financial management, with an emphasis on corporate applications. Topics include financial environment, time value of money, risk-return relationships, multinational financial management, features and valuation of corporate securities, cost of capital, and capital budgeting. Prereqs: ACCT 211, BUSA 100, DATA 201, and ECON 201. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

FINC 405 - Private Equity and Impact Investing (3)

This course offers an overview of the theory and practice of private equity and the particular subfield of impact investing. Students will gain practical experience in the diverse types of capital investment, including venture, growth, buyout, and alternative investments. Students will progress through deal sourcing, business valuation, deal structuring and exit steps of the investment decision-making process. Additionally, the course introduces concepts, and vehicles of impact investing, highlighting its role in fostering positive societal change from a Christian perspective. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Summer.

FINC 411 - Real Estate Finance and Investments (3)

Study of investment analysis for income producing properties, financing of real estate development, and alternative real estate financing. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Fall.

FINC 421 - Behavioral Finance (3)

Analysis of situations in which financial decision-makers violate the assumptions of classical finance theory. Topics include market inefficiencies, the influence of familiarity on investment behavior, and overconfidence. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

FINC 422 - Financial Statement Analysis (3)

Emphasis on the fundamental techniques of financial statement analysis. Building upon a review of accounting and investment concepts, course covers the analysis and interpretation of financial accounting information including the balance sheet, income statement, and statement of cash flows. Examination of accounting information used in investment and credit decisions, including valuation and debt ratings. Prereqs: ACCT 211, ACCT 212, and FINC 321. Offered: On rotation.

FINC 423 - History of Capitalism (3)

Examination of the cultural, moral, and political effects of capitalism from Biblical times to present day. Readings from economists, philosophers, and historians, across the ideological spectrum, will be discussed. The second portion details three infrastructure elements of capitalism: an effective capital market, a stable economy and currency, and the ability to manage risk effectively. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Fall.

FINC 424 - Investments (3)

Review of techniques, vehicles, and strategies for implementing investment goals in a portfolio context and in light of risk-return trade-off. Emphasis on gaining a fundamental understanding of the various capital markets as well as investment vehicles, such as stocks, bonds, options, and futures. Designed for students interested in careers in financial advising and investment management. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Fall and Spring.

FINC 425 - International Insurance Markets (3)

This course is designed to expose students to the placement of insurance on an international level. Students will study the London market which is the home to many of the world's leading insurers and reinsurers. The course involves an analysis of the mechanisms employed to transfer risk from main street USA exposures to ultimate risk bearers around the world. Students will also learn about the regulatory environments involved in the process. Students will study Lloyds of London, learn about their syndicate structure, brokers and underwriters and the underwriting floor, learn about wholesale excess and surplus and reinsurance brokering, and other various insurance intermediaries. Offered: Spring.

FINC 426 - Topics in Finance (3)

Study of specific finance topics of current interest, providing additional depth of knowledge in areas such as financial statement analysis and international financial issues. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: On rotation.

FINC 427 - Financial Risk Management (3)

Introduction to financial risk management. Addresses use of derivative contracts including options, futures, and swaps to manage price risk in equities, commodities, and fixed income instruments. Focus on valuation techniques with application to corporate finance and investment management. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

FINC 428 - Financial Institutions (3)

Study of the various types of financial institutions--banks, insurance companies, brokerage firms, and mutual funds--and the regulatory and competitive environment in which they exist. Specific areas addressed include the role of government in financial markets, the changing competitive boundaries of financial services firms, the markets for various financial instruments, and the measurement and management of risk among financial institutions. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Fall.

FINC 429 - Intermediate Financial Management (3)

Case-based course in which students apply skills and concepts acquired in the core finance course (Financial Management) to actual business situations. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

FINC 430 - Principles of Risk Management and Insurance (3)

This course will cover personal and commercial risks and how to mitigate these risks through the use of various lines of insurance. Topics include risk, insurance and risk, risk management, enterprise risk management, types of insurers and marketing systems, insurance company operations, financial operations of insurers, government regulation, legal principles, insurance contracts, life insurance, health insurance, auto insurance, and commercial property and liability insurance. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

FINC 434 - Fixed Income Securities (3)

An introduction to the markets for and valuation of fixed income securities including coupon bonds, floating rate notes, bonds with embedded options, mortgage-backed securities, and the derivatives of these securities. Tools covered include yield curve construction as well as managing interest rate risk and credit risk. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

FINC 440 - Financial Technologies/Insurance Technologies (3)

This course is designed to expose students to the rapid innovation in and disruption from financial technologies (FinTech) such as blockchain/distributed ledger technology (DLT), virtual/crypto currencies, smart contracts, artificial intelligence (AI), the internet-of-things (IoT), and machine learning (ML). The rapid onset of these new technologies begs many questions for academic inquiry. How are these innovations impacting the world of finance? How is the regulatory environment adapting to these new innovations? How are financial institutions and financial markets adapting/adopting/responding to these new innovations? What is the impact on peer-to-peer (P2P) payments and lending? How do these technologies extend to other industries such as healthcare (HealthTech), education (EdTech), transportation and logistics (SupplychainTech), real estate (RETech), insurance (InsureTech), and others. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Spring.

FINC 444 - Security Analysis (3)

This course is intended to acquaint students with the techniques, vehicles, and strategies for implementing investment goals in a portfolio context and in light of risk-return trade-offs. Emphasis is placed upon gaining a fundamental understanding of the various capital markets as well as investment vehicles such as stocks, bonds, options, and futures. Prereq: FINC 321. Offered: Fall and Spring.

FINC 445 - Bulldog Investment Fund Analyst (3)

The purpose of this course is to equip students with the skill set to maximize their performance in the Bulldog Investment Fund class. The skills covered in the course will enable and enhance preparation for careers in security analysis and wealth/asset management. Prereqs: FINC 321 and permission of the department chair. Offered: As needed.

FINC 450 - Bulldog Investment Fund (1-3)

Vehicle for participating in The Bulldog Fund, a student-managed investment portfolio. Students analyze existing positions, research new investment ideas, present their proposals, and report results to Samford's Investment Committee. Variable credit. May be repeated once for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereqs: FINC 321. Offered: Fall and Spring.

FINC 460 - Treasury Management (3)

This course covers the principals and practices used by corporate finance and treasury professionals to optimize cash resources, maintain liquidity, ensure access to short-term and long-term financing, judge capital investment decisions, and control exposure to financial risk. Prereq: FINC 321.

FINC 492 - Business Internship: Finance (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the

business organization. Exposes students to the world of finance and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: FINC 321; permission from Office of Internship, School of Business, and finance faculty. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

FINC 499 - Risk Management and Insurance Internship (3)

Business internship study is an individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. Every attempt is made to match the student's objectives with the internship experience. This study is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. This course exposes the student to the world of business and the career-planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: Permission from the Brock School of Business Internship Office. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Foundations

FOUN 101 - Foundations (1)

One-hour course designed to address various issues that first-year students encounter. The course is taught by faculty and staff who are well suited to become advocates and mentors for freshmen. Topics included in the course: the mission of the university, academic advising, time management, financial management, social issues, campus involvement, faculty-student relationships, and academic success. Because FOUN 101 is designed and offered to support first-semester freshman students, it is not repeatable under Samford's course repeat policy. Offered: Fall.

FOUN 102 - Vocation Exploration (1)

This one-hour course will provide a vocation-centered Foundations experience that will offer opportunities for exploration of majors, reflection on calling, and preparation for professional school or specific programs of study. Offered: Spring.

FOUN 201 - Foundations: Peer Mentoring (0-1)

Student will serve as a peer mentor for one section of Foundations and participate in a guided practicum in teaching to develop the student's instructional and leadership skills. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits. Standard grading applies for initial course, but grading is pass/fail if course is repeated.

Prereq: FOUN 101 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall and Spring.

FOUN 210 - Foundations Special Topics (0-2)

This 0-2 variable credit course is designed to assist students in their developmental transitions throughout the middle years in college. Through opportunities both on and off campus, students will discuss and reflect on important ideas that cultivate academic and cultural awareness, promote intellectual curiosity, and connect with various career paths. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereq: FOUN 101. Offered: Every semester.

French

FREN 101 - Elementary French I (4)

Introduction to French language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Fall and Spring.

FREN 102 - Elementary French II (4)

Introduction to French language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: Successful completion of FREN 101 or FREN 151, satisfactory score on placement exam, or permission of department chair.

Offered: Fall and Spring.

FREN 103 - Accelerated Elementary French (4)

Designed for students who have previously studied French for one to two years, or another romance language on any level, this accelerated elementary course compresses essential elements of FREN 101 and FREN 102 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes three class meetings and two laboratory sessions each week. This course prepares students to take FREN 201/FREN 203 the following semester. Prereq: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Fall.

FREN 107 - Accelerated Elementary French (6)

This accelerated elementary course compresses essential elements of FREN 101 and FREN 102 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes five class meetings each week. This course prepares students to take FREN 207 the following semester. Offered: Fall.

FREN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French I (4)

Introduction to French language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing French. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a French-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Summer.

FREN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary French II (4)

Introduction to French language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in French. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a French-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: FREN 101 or FREN 151, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

FREN 201 - Intermediate French I (4)

Systematic review of French with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding.

Two weekly class meetings and two weekly audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Prereq:

Successful completion of FREN 102 or FREN 152, or satisfactory score on placement exam. Offered: Fall.

FREN 202 - Intermediate French II (4)

Systematic review of French with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding.

Two weekly class meetings and two weekly audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Completion of 201-202 sequence fulfills the general education language requirement. Prereq: Successful completion of FREN 201 or FREN 251. Offered: Spring.

FREN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate French (4)

Accelerated intermediate course that compresses essential elements of FREN 201 and FREN 202 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes three class meetings and two laboratory sessions each week.

Successful completion of this sequence fulfills the general education language requirement. Prereq: Grade of A in FREN 102 or FREN 152, or the required score on the placement exam. Offered: Fall.

FREN 207 - Accelerated Intermediate French (6)

This accelerated intermediate course compresses essential elements of FREN 201 and FREN 202 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural

understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes five class meetings each week. This course satisfies the general education requirement and prepares students to take 300-level French classes the following semester. Prereq: FREN 102, 107, or 152. Offered: Fall.

FREN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French I (4)

Systematic review of French with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a French-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereq: FREN 102 or FREN 152, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

FREN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate French II (4)

Systematic review of French with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a French-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereq: FREN 201 or FREN 251, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

FREN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and comprehensive review of advanced-level grammatical structures. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses effective self-expression. Prereq: Successful completion of FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent. Offered: Fall.

FREN 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and development of advanced-level reading proficiency. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses French cultural and literary traditions. Prereq: Successful completion of FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent. Offered: Spring.

FREN 310 - Advanced Proficiency Enhancement (1)

Mentored review and reinforcement of listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing skills, grammar structures, or career-oriented language context, as determined by individual student needs in French at the advanced level. Prereqs: Successful completion of FREN 301 or FREN 302, and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

FREN 311 - Directed-Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent; and permission of department chair.

FREN 315 - French Culture I (4)

Overview of French-speaking societies from an historical and contemporary perspective with emphasis on their customs, values, geography, artistic achievements, and scientific discoveries. Prereq: FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 316 - French Culture II (4)

Overview of French-speaking societies from an historical and contemporary perspective with emphasis on their customs, values, geography, artistic achievements, and scientific discoveries. Prereq: FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 321 - Directed-Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent; and permission of department chair.

FREN 331 - Directed-Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: FREN 202, FREN 203, FREN 252, or the equivalent; and permission of department chair.

FREN 340 - Advanced Career Studies (1-4)

Mentored course in career-specific language acquisition at the advanced level. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level course, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

FREN 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level French course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

FREN 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced French I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a French-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in French.

FREN 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced French II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a French-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in French.

FREN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of French culture and overview of contemporary society in a French-speaking setting abroad.

FREN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of French culture and overview of contemporary society in a French-speaking setting abroad.

FREN 360 - French-for-Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a French-speaking country under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate-mid language proficiency or higher. May also count as an upper-level major elective. Prereqs: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Upon request.

FREN 370 - French for Business (4)

Study of intercultural communication and advanced French language proficiency as needed for business contexts. Stresses commercial vocabulary, correspondence, and documentation appropriate to a variety of professional settings. Open to any student with advanced proficiency, this very practical course may count as an upper-level elective. Required for the language and world trade interdisciplinary concentration. Prereq: At least one 4-credit 300-level class. Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

FREN 375 - Advanced Grammar and Syntax (4)

In-depth study of grammar and syntactical structures aimed at improving student language skills. Utilizes a variety of methodologies including, but not limited to, composition, translation, and stylistic analysis. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit, 300-level course or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 397 - Special Topics (1 to 4)

Unique, one-time courses offered either by visiting professors or as experimental advanced courses by members of the department. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

FREN 401 - French Literature I (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of France from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in French. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably FREN 302 and FREN 315 or FREN 316, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 402 - French Literature II (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of France from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in French. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably FREN 302 and FREN 315 or FREN 316, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)

Study of selected French authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in French. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably FREN 302; and FREN 315 or FREN 316, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Study of selected French authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in French. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably FREN 302; and FREN 315 or FREN 316, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

FREN 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)

Study of fundamental strategies that form the infrastructure of the teaching process for certification at all levels of second-language acquisition methodology, P-12 or 7-12. Emphasis on materials and methods appropriate to the designated levels of learning while promoting awareness of the multiple facets of language learning. Capstone course for seniors seeking teacher certification that also includes preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

FREN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Research and writing course designed to synthesize skills acquired and knowledge gained in previous coursework. Under a mentor's guidance, students develop a thesis, propose a solution to a problem, or produce and perform a creative work. Capstone course for language and literature majors that also includes literary readings and preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Required of all first majors. Prereqs: Senior standing, successful completion of at least one 400-level literature course, and permission of department chair. Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

FREN 450 - Special Studies (1-4)

Mentored, independent study in language, culture, or literature. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: At least one 4-credit upper-level course or the equivalent, and permission of department chair and instructor. Offered: As needed.

FREN 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)

Directed student internship in an international business setting in the U.S. or abroad, mentored by Samford faculty and supervised by on-site agency personnel. Language and world trade seniors complete 160 hours of on-site work, maintain journals in the target language, and prepare for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Prereqs: Senior standing, successful completion of course FREN 370, and permission of department chair. Offered: As needed.

FREN 475 - Language for Business (4)

In-depth analysis of cultural communication and language use within business contexts. Examines components of a language's commercial vocabulary and cultural usage within professional contexts. Prereqs: FREN 301 or FREN 302, plus one additional upper-level French course, or permission of department chair. Offered: Spring.

Geography

GEOG 101 - Global Geography: Places, Landscapes, and Regions (4)

Expand and enhance knowledge of your world. This course uses a spatial approach to understand history, culture, and environmental concerns across the globe. Regional case studies and current events reinforce geographic concepts. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

GEOG 150 - Environmental Geography: Understanding Planet Earth (4)

Hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, volcanoes, global climate change. Learn the science behind the headlines. Understand processes and patterns in the natural environment. This course investigates a diverse set of environmental concerns on our dynamic planet including landform processes, oceans and coasts, water resources, Earth's atmosphere, and climate dynamics. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

GEOG 216 - Fundamentals of Geographic Information Science (GIS) (4)

GIS provides a powerful set of tools for viewing, managing, and analyzing location data using digital maps and other geospatial technology. GIS skills are now important in a variety of fields including public health, environmental science, history, sociology, and business. This course introduces students to fundamental GIS concepts with an emphasis on practical GIS techniques and applications. Students will gain skills in acquiring GIS datasets, creating and editing spatial data, and basic spatial analysis. Students from all disciplines are welcome and encouraged to explore ways to apply GIS in their chosen field. Offered: Fall and Spring.

GEOG 299 - Essentials of Geography and Environmental Studies (4)

This course introduces the discipline of geography and the interdisciplinary field of environmental studies. Students will explore various methods of geographical and environmental inquiry, including fieldwork and geotechnologies such as Google Earth, ArcGIS Online, and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). Students engage with these methods and technologies to investigate and solve problems in an increasingly complex world while exploring topics at the intersection of humanities and science. Offered: Fall.

GEOG 301 - Independent Study (1-4)

Directed reading and/or research on a topic in geography intended to give special training or preparation in subject areas not covered in the regular geography course offerings. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: Geography major or minor and permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

GEOG 311 - Directed Teaching Experience (1-4)

Involves student participation as an undergraduate teaching assistant for a geography course under the supervision of a geography faculty member. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Minimum 3.50 GPA in geography courses, minimum 3.00 GPA overall, 12 hours of completed geography coursework, and permission from the supervising faculty member and the geography department chair. Offered: Fall and Spring.

GEOG 316 - Applied GIS (4)

Applied GIS builds upon content from GEOG 216 and focuses on applied GIS projects using spatial analysis and modeling to address real-world issues. Students will learn to apply advanced GIS concepts and techniques through hands-on projects applicable to many disciplines. Emerging GIS technology including web-GIS, open-source software, python scripting, and applications of artificial intelligence in GIS will also be presented and discussed. Students will develop an independent final project related to their chosen discipline. This course also prepares students for the more advanced GEOG 416 (Geospatial Analysis). Prereq: GEOG 216. Offered: Fall.

GEOG 330 - Natural Hazards and Disasters (4)

Survey of geosciences through an examination of natural hazards including causes and effects, of earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, floods, landslides, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, climate change, and impacts of extraterrestrial objects. These earth processes have a direct, and often sudden and violent, impact on human society. The course integrates principles of geology, hydrology, meteorology, climatology, oceanography, soil science, ecology, and solar system astronomy. The course is designed for non-science majors to help them understand physical earth processes as natural hazards and their consequences to society. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 350 - Coastal and Marine Geography: Modern Marine Science (4)

Overview of the world's oceans and the role they play in global geologic, climatologic, and biologic systems. The course investigates current ocean science and technologies, patterns of environmental change, and coastal dynamics. Offered: On rotation. Cross-listed with MARS 351.

GEOG 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)

Geographic perspective of the past, present, and future of the American city. Topics include the historic roots of cities, development of the U.S. urban system, transportation, and the shaping of cities; social, political, and economic dynamics of urban areas; urban growth, decline, and revitalization; suburbanization; and challenges facing cities in the 21st century. Offered: On rotation. Cross-listed with POLS 360 and SOCI 360.

GEOG 361 - Bridging London (4)

Field-based exploration of the geography of London and its environs. Students investigate historical development, commerce, naval power, imperialism, colonialism, scientific achievement, industrial revolution, financial systems, economic frameworks, transportation, governance, urban design, community, culture, society, ethnicity, international significance, and the intersection between globalization and urbanization. Cross-listed with CLAS 361, POLS 361, SOCI 361.

GEOG 370 - Suburban Nation (4)

Addresses the fundamental questions: How did the United State become such a suburban nation? How has this pervasive suburban landscape changed over time, both in design and meaning? Using a variety of sources (film, fiction, and historical essays), the course considers the evolution of the suburban landscape from the colonial to the contemporary era. Cross-listed with SOCI 370. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 380 - Human-Environment Relationships (4)

Now more than ever before, our world is shaped by complex interactions between humans and the environment. Most environmental issues have social components, just as many social issues have environmental components. This discussion-based course untangles these complex relationships to more thoroughly understand some of the most pressing issues of today and to explore possible solutions. Cross-listed with SOCI 380. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 391 - Exploring North American Landscapes (4)

Exploration of the human and physical geographies of the United States and Canada. Drawing from diverse texts, the course explores the evolution of the North American landscape. Topics to be covered include conversion of the New World wilderness, frontier mythologies, the evolution of the American city, and the cultural impact of suburbia. Cross-listed with HIST 391. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 392 - Geographies of Africa (4)

Presents a geographical exploration of Africa, focusing primarily on cultural issues. A broad range of topics will be investigated including African stereotypes, environmental crises, social geographies of gender and religion, legacies of colonialism, and the impact of development policies throughout the region. Offered: On rotation. Cross-listed with POLS 392.

GEOG 395 - Giants of Asia: China and India in the 21st Century (4)

Focuses on exploring these two giant countries and understanding their emergence as important world powers in the 21st century. The course investigates the physical environment, history, culture, economy, and politics that help shape these two countries. Cross-listed with POLS 395. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 397 - Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean (4)

Together, Latin America and the Caribbean form a region of tremendous environmental and cultural diversity. This course explores both the natural and human landscapes of the region through the lenses of physical geography and human geography. Topics include physical landforms, weather and climate, ecosystems, rivers and oceans, conservation issues, Indigenous and colonial cultural legacies, urban development, political conflict, and migration. Particular attention is paid to the interactions between human and natural systems. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 416 - Geospatial Analysis (4)

This course encompasses advanced projects and techniques in GIS, and will leverage other geospatial technologies including remote sensing, geovisualization, and image processing. Students will conduct a number of projects which will include interpretation of satellite imagery, supervised and unsupervised image classification, remote sensing indices, Lidar data, drone mission planning, GIS models, spatial statistics, database design and management, and the application of other spatial modeling techniques. Prereqs: GEOG 216 and GEOG 316. Offered: Spring.

GEOG 460 - Geography Internship (1-4)

Practical work experience outside the department. Placement may be with government agencies, non-profits, industry, or other organizations. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, but only 4 of the 8 can count towards the major. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: GEOG 101, GEOG 150, and GEOG 216; declaration of a geography major or minor; and permission of the department. Offered: Fall and Spring.

GEOG 480 - Caribbean Field Course: Adventures in SCUBA Diving on Coral Reefs, Coastal Processes, and Island Geography (4)

This field course will take place in the Caribbean during May Term. Students will learn how to SCUBA dive and receive three diving certifications: Open Water, Advanced Open Water, and National Geographic Research Specialty. Emphasis will be on experiential learning and include data collections and analysis. Course activities will culminate in a public presentation on the island. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: May Term.

GEOG 485 - Landscapes of the American South (4)

Field-based course that explores the diverse geography and environmental history of the American South. Through several day trips from campus, students will visit some of the South's major geographic regions including: the Piedmont, Gulf Coastal Plain, plantation/agricultural south, and the Cumberland Plateau. Offered: On rotation.

GEOG 490 - Special Topics in Geography (4)

Special topics in geography that are not normally examined in depth in the regular course offerings. Focus on research interests of faculty members, newly emerging areas of interest in geography, or current events. Courses may be offered by visiting faculty or as experimental advanced courses by departmental faculty. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Junior class standing or permission of department chair.

GEOG 499 - Senior Seminar (4)

Specialized course intended as a synthesizing experience for the major. Course is required for graduation and consists of an independent research project in a subfield specialty involving a research component, a writing component, and a public, oral presentation of research results. A minimum grade of C is required to pass this course. Offered: Fall.

German

GER 101 - Elementary German I (4)

Introduction to German language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing German. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Fall.

GER 102 - Elementary German II (4)

Introduction to German language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing German. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: Successful completion of GER 101 or GER 151, satisfactory score on placement exam, or permission of department chair. Offered: Spring.

GER 107 - Accelerated Elementary German (6)

An intensive course that covers the first year of German language learning in a single semester. It is open to all students. Offered: Fall.

GER 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German I (4)

Introduction to German language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing German. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a German-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: WLAC 150. Offered: Summer.

GER 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary German II (4)

Introduction to German language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading and writing German. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a German-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereqs: WLAC 150 and GER 151 or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

GER 201 - Intermediate German I (4)

Systematic review of German with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Two weekly class meetings and two weekly audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Prereq: Successful completion of GER 102 or GER 152, or satisfactory score on placement exam. Offered: Fall and Summer (abroad).

GER 202 - Intermediate German II (4)

Systematic review of German with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Two weekly class meetings and two weekly audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Completion of the 201-202 sequence fulfills the general education language requirement. Prereq: Successful completion of GER 201 or GER 251. Offered: Spring and Summer (abroad).

GER 207 - Accelerated Intermediate German (6)

An intensive course equivalent to the intermediate year of German, and which can be completed in a single semester. Prereq: GER 102, GER 107, or GER 152. Offered: Spring.

GER 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German I (4)

Systematic review of German with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a German-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereqs: WLAC 150 plus GER 102 or GER 152, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

GER 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate German II (4)

Systematic review of German with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a German-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereqs: WLAC 150 plus GER 201 or GER 251, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

GER 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and comprehensive review of advanced-level grammatical structures. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses effective self-expression. Prereq: Successful completion of GER 202, GER 207, GER 252, or the equivalent. Offered: Fall.

GER 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and development of advanced-level reading proficiency. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses German cultural and literary traditions. Prereq: Successful completion of GER 202, GER 207, GER 252, or the equivalent. Offered: Spring.

GER 310 - Advanced Proficiency Enhancement (1)

Mentored review and reinforcement of listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing skills, grammar structures, or career-oriented language context, as determined by individual student needs. Prereqs: Successful completion of GER 301, GER 302, or equivalent prior experience; and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

GER 311 - Directed-Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: GER 202, GER 252, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

GER 315 - German Culture (4)

Overview of German-speaking societies from an historical and contemporary perspective with emphasis on the customs, values, geography, and scientific discoveries of German-speaking countries. Prereq: GER 202, GER 207, GER 252, or the equivalent. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

GER 321 - Directed-Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: GER 202, GER 252, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

GER 331 - Directed-Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: GER 202, GER 252, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

GER 340 - Advanced Career Studies (1-4)

Mentored course in career-specific language acquisition at the advanced level. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level course, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

GER 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level German course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

GER 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced German I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a German-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in German. Prereq: WLAC 150.

GER 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced German II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a German-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in German. Prereq: WLAC 150.

GER 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of German culture and overview of contemporary society in a German-speaking setting abroad. Prereq: WLAC 150.

GER 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of German culture and overview of contemporary society in a German-speaking setting abroad. Prereq: WLAC 150.

GER 360 - German-for-Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a German-speaking country under the direction of a Samford faculty and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate- mid language proficiency or higher. May also count as an upper-level major elective. Prereqs: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Upon request.

GER 370 - German for Business (4)

Study of intercultural communication and advanced German language proficiency as needed for business contexts. Stresses commercial vocabulary, correspondence, and documentation appropriate to a variety of professional settings. Open to any student with advanced proficiency, this very practical course may count as an upper-level elective. Required for the language and world trade interdisciplinary concentration. Prereq: At least one 4-credit 300-level class.

Offered: Spring, on rotation.

GER 375 - Advanced Grammar and Syntax (4)

In-depth study of grammar and syntactical structures aimed at improving student language skills. Utilizes a variety of methodologies including, but not limited to, composition, translation, and stylistic analysis. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit, 300-level course or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

GER 401 - German Literature I (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Germany from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in German. Prereq: Successful completion of one 300-level course, or the equivalent, or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

GER 402 - German Literature II (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Germany from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in German. Prereq: Successful completion of one 300-level course, or the equivalent, or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

GER 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)

Study of selected German authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in German. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably GER 315, or the equivalent, or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

GER 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Study of selected German authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in German. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: Successful completion of at least two 4-credit, 300-level courses, preferably GER 315, or the equivalent, or permission of department chair. Offered: On rotation.

GER 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)

Study of fundamental strategies that form the infrastructure of the teaching process for certification at all levels of second-language acquisition methodology, P-12 or 7-12. Emphasis on materials and methods appropriate to the designated levels of learning while promoting awareness of the multiple facets of language learning. Capstone course for seniors seeking teacher certification that also includes preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams.

Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

GER 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Research and writing course designed to synthesize skills acquired and knowledge gained in previous coursework. Under a mentor's guidance, students develop a thesis, propose a solution to a problem, or produce and perform a creative work. Capstone course for language and literature majors that also includes literary readings and preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Course required of all first majors. Prereqs: Senior standing, successful completion of at least one 400-level literature course, and permission of department chair. Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

GER 450 - Special Studies (1-4)

Mentored, independent study in language, culture, or literature. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: At least one 4-credit upper-level course or the equivalent, and permission of department chair and instructor. Offered: As needed.

GER 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)

Directed student internship in an international business setting in the U.S. or abroad, mentored by Samford faculty and supervised by on-site agency personnel. Language and world trade seniors complete 160 hours of on-site work, maintain journals in the target language, and prepare for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Prereqs: Senior standing, successful completion of GER 370, and permission of department chair. Offered: As needed.

GER 475 - Language for Business (4)

In-depth analysis of cultural communication and language use within business contexts. Examines components of a language's commercial vocabulary and cultural usage within professional contexts. Prereqs: GER 301 or GER 302, plus one additional upper-level German course, or permission of department chair. Offered: Spring.

Global Studies

GLST 201 - Introduction to Global Studies (4)

Introduces students to the ways in which our world can be examined as a global phenomenon. This course proposes that our world is becoming increasingly global and international. Students will identify factors contributing to the complex process of globalization and the experiences that human beings increasingly possess in common. The course treats globalization as a phenomenon that currently exists as well as something that is in a state of performance and change. Offered: Fall.

GLST 300 - Our Globalized World (4)

This course introduces students to different methods for analyzing global topics and asks them to put these approaches to use through independent research and analysis.

Greek

GREK 101 - Elementary Greek I (4)

Introduction to Greek language and culture, aimed at developing the ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Covers basic vocabulary and grammar of Classical Greek and provides foundation for the study of all ancient Greek literature, including the Greek New Testament. Offered: Fall.

GREK 102 - Elementary Greek II (4)

Introduction to Greek language and culture, aimed at developing the ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Covers basic vocabulary and grammar of Classical Greek and provides foundation for the study of all ancient Greek literature, including the Greek New Testament. Offered: Spring.

GREK 201 - Intermediate Greek I (4)

Thematic reading in Greek texts with an emphasis on reading comprehension, a systematic review of grammar, and an introduction to tools for philological research. Prereq: GREK 102, or permission. Offered: Fall.

GREK 202 - Intermediate Greek II (4)

Thematic reading in Greek texts with an emphasis on reading comprehension, a systematic review of grammar, and an introduction to tools for philological research. Prereq: GREK 201, or permission. Offered: Spring.

GREK 301 - Homer (4)

Introduction to the language and background of Greek epic, through selected readings from the Iliad and Odyssey, the earliest extant literature of the Western world. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Prereq: GREK 202. Offered: Fall.

GREK 302 - Greek Historians (4)

Selected readings from Herodotus and Thucydides. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Includes survey of the development of Greek historiography. Prereq: GREK 202.

GREK 303 - Greek Tragedy (4)

Selected readings from the plays of Sophocles and Euripides. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Includes survey of the development of Greek drama. Prereq: GREK 202.

GREK 450 - Advanced New Testament Greek (4)

Selected readings from the New Testament. Through the careful study of these passages students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret ancient Greek. Includes introduction to the study and practice of textual criticism. Prereq: GREK 202.

GREK 451 - Directed Reading (1)

Directed reading in selected Ancient Greek texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

GREK 452 - Directed Reading (2)

Directed reading in selected Ancient Greek texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

GREK 453 - Directed Reading (3)

Directed reading in selected Ancient Greek texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

GREK 454 - Directed Reading (4)

Directed reading in selected Ancient Greek texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

Health Informatics and Information Management

HIIM 201 - Pharmacology, Diseases, and Conditions for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Introduces concepts of human diseases and conditions of the human body, including treatments, manifestations, and mechanisms of diseases. Pharmacology fundamentals and therapeutic drug classes utilized in treatment of conditions and diseases are reviewed. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 300 - Principles of Health Information Management (3)

Introduces students to the principles of gathering, manipulating, classifying, storing, retrieving, and reporting health data. Introduces both clinical and administrative data domains, their interrelation, and the processes required to assure their proper functionality. Offered: Spring.

HIIM 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)

Study of foundational business theories, principles, and concepts required for responsible management of healthcare organizations. Areas of focus include theories, principles, and concepts of leadership, teamwork, motivation, organizational structure, governance and design, and organizational behavior at the individual, group, and organizational level. Cross-listed with HCAD 302. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 303 - Health Information System Architecture (3)

Develops a focused understanding of the role of information technology, systems, networks, and resources in healthcare settings. Introduces students to modern approaches for analyzing and designing information systems using structured design techniques. Prereq: HIIM 300. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 304 - Digital Health (3)

This course will explore the technologies utilized in today's digital health care system. Foundations of digital health, big data analytics, artificial intelligence, core digital technologies, and emerging digital health trends and technologies will be explored. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 305 - Clinical Terminology Systems (3)

Students will be instructed in classification systems used in healthcare to capture diagnostic, treatment, and billing codes including ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, CPT, DSM, and SNOMED-CT. Students will be introduced to common clinical vocabularies, terminologies, and taxonomies. Prereq: HIIM 201. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

This course provides students with an overview of the U.S. health system. Topics covered in the course include the historical foundations and evolution, resources, processes, and outcomes of the U.S. healthcare system. The role of health policy in shaping the system's evolution in the past, present, and future is also considered. Cross-listed with HCAD 301 and PHLT 311. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)

Introduction to the economics of health and healthcare. The course explores theories, principles, and concepts in economics from a healthcare perspective, including the value of health, the demand for healthcare, health insurance markets, health reform, and the pharmaceutical industry. Cross-listed with HCAD 321. Offered: Spring

HIIM 323 - Ethical Decision Making for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Examination of ethical theories, principles, and concepts in healthcare. Faith-based decision-analysis is developed through the study of ethical issues in healthcare, research, and policy. Cross-listed with HCAD 323. Offered: Spring.

HIIM 324 - Regulatory Environment of Healthcare Compliance (3)

Survey of the state and federal rules and regulations that impact the healthcare industry. This course provides a general understanding of compliance requirements and standards as they relate to fraud and abuse, credentialing, governance and corporate responsibility, occupational health and safety, and medical billing and coding. Cross-listed with HCAD 324. Offered: Spring.

HIIM 401 - Introduction to Health Analytics (3)

Provides an introductory overview of health data analytics. Health data sets, data acquisition, management, analysis, interpretation, and governance will be explored using health data analytic platforms. Prereqs: HIIM 304, PHLT 201, and PHLT 232 (all with a minimum grade of C). Offered: Spring.

HIIM 402 - Health Data Mining and Analytics (3)

Explore and develop integrated application of diverse data mining and analytics techniques to structured, semi-structured, and unstructured healthcare data with an emphasis on providing actionable evidence to decision makers and other interested parties. Prereq: HIIM 401, with a minimum grade of C.

HIIM 403 - Human Resource Management for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Introduction to the essential role of human resource management within healthcare organizations. This course focuses on the fundamental concepts and practical tools necessary for managing healthcare employees. Cross-listed with HCAD 403. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 407 - Healthcare Patient Safety and Quality (3)

Introduction to fundamental concepts essential to quality in healthcare. Drivers that influence patient-centered care, including care coordination, accreditation and organizational standards, and regulatory requirements, are reviewed. Students will utilize improvement methodologies and tools commonly used for quality assessment in healthcare organizations. Cross-listed with HCAD 404. Offered: Fall.

HIIM 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Overview of health insurance products and managed-care approaches to the financing and delivery of healthcare services. Students explore the reimbursement and payment mechanisms. Cross-listed with HCAD 420. Offered: Spring.

Healthcare Administration

HCAD 101 - Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Administration (1)

This introductory course offers a survey of current topics and trends in healthcare administration. Throughout the course, potential career options in various healthcare industries are highlighted. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)

This course will introduce students to careers in epidemiology, including basic principles and tools used, and how they are applied to decision-making. The course will include basic research designs, estimating outcome measures, and establishing cause and effect and effectiveness of interventions to prevent and cure disease. Cross-listed with PHLT 201. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 202 - Serving Underserved Populations (3)

Exploration of healthcare-related issues that disproportionately impact underserved populations. Strategies to improve the overall quality of health are applied through service learning. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 220 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)

This is an introductory biostatistics course that explores the foundation and investigates the role of statistics in public health and healthcare. Various statistical methods used in practice and research will be explored with an emphasis on application and interpretation of results through a combination of lectures and problem-solving activities using various statistical software packages. No prereqs or prior computing experience is required. Cross-listed with PHLT 232. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 301 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

This course provides students with an overview of the U.S. health system. Topics covered in the course include the historical foundations and evolution, resources, processes, and outcomes of the U.S. healthcare system. The role of health policy in shaping the system's evolution in the past, present, and future is also considered. Cross-listed with HIIM 311 and PHLT 311. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 302 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Principles (3)

Study of foundational business theories, principles, and concepts required for responsible management of healthcare organizations. Areas of focus include theories, principles, and concepts of leadership, teamwork, motivation, organizational structure, governance and design, and organizational behavior at the individual, group, and organizational level. Cross-listed with HIIM 302. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 303 - Healthcare Marketing and Strategy (3)

This course provides an overview of marketing and strategic planning principles and processes within the healthcare context. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 304 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)

This service-learning course is designed to provide students with proper knowledge and skills to work with diverse populations, develop cross-cultural competence, and identify and utilize culturally appropriate strategies in health care delivery and health promotion. Students will develop and demonstrate their cultural competence in weekly community engagement. Class time and assignments will support reflection on the community engagement experience, students' learning, and cultural and spiritual dimensions of health. Cross-listed with PHLT 309. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 305 - Health Information Privacy and Security (3)

An overview of state and federal health information and security requirements, and the administrative practices required to ensure compliance with them. The course will focus on protocols for compliance with federal HIPAA laws, as well as other federal and state privacy regulations, in various circumstances. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HCAD 320 - Servant Leadership for Healthcare Managers (3)

Exploration of an analysis of different theories and styles in leadership with special emphasis on servant leadership. Prereq: Professor approval. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 321 - Healthcare Economics (3)

Introduction to the economics of health and health care. The course explores theories, principles, and concepts in economics from a healthcare perspective including the value of health, the demand for health care, health insurance markets, health reform, and the pharmaceutical industry. Open to all CHS undergraduate students. Cross-listed with HIIM 321. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 322 - International Perspectives for Healthcare Managers (3)

Survey of international healthcare markets and strategies for delivering care. The course focuses on the difference in business practices, financial resources, and trends in international healthcare markets. The course may also be completed as study abroad. Prereq: HCAD 301. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 323 - Ethical Decision Making for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Examination of ethical theories, principles, and concepts in healthcare. Faith-based decision-analysis is developed through the study of ethical issues in healthcare, research, and policy. Open to all CHS undergraduate students. Cross-listed with HIIM 323. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 324 - Regulatory Environment of Healthcare Compliance (3)

Survey of the state and federal rules and regulations that impact the healthcare industry. The course provides a general understanding of compliance requirements and standards as they relate to fraud and abuse, credentialing, governance and corporate responsibility, occupational health and safety, and medical billing and coding. Prereqs: HCAD 301 and HCAD 305. Offered: Spring and Summer.

HCAD 325 - Managing Healthcare Organizations: Applications (3)

Study of theories, principles, and concepts of healthcare operations and human resource management, with an emphasis on their applications in the healthcare setting. Specific emphasis on the application of these principles to acute and post-acute settings. Prereq: HCAD 302. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 401 - Healthcare Financial Management and Budgeting (3)

Introduction to healthcare finance and accounting concepts. Focus on the basic conceptual framework, vocabulary, and concepts to effectively communicate with finance professionals in a healthcare organization. Prereqs: HCAD 301 and HCAD 302. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 402 - Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)

Overview of US laws, regulations, and policies relevant to the healthcare industry. Discusses legal ramifications of patient treatment, medical records, employee relations, and medical records privacy and security. Explores and analyzes issues of bioethics and healthcare business ethics and the ethical decision-making process. Prereq: HCAD 301. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 403 - Human Resource Management for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Introduction to the essential role of human resource management within healthcare organizations. The course focuses on the fundamental concepts and practical tools necessary for managing healthcare employees. Open to all CHS undergraduate students. Cross-listed with HIIM 403. Offered: Fall and Summer.

HCAD 404 - Healthcare Quality (3)

Introduction to fundamental concepts essential to quality in healthcare. Drivers that influence patient-centered care including care coordination, accreditation and organizational standards, and regulatory requirements are reviewed. Students will utilize improvement methodologies and tools commonly used for quality assessment in healthcare organizations. Cross-listed with HIIM 407. Offered: Fall.

HCAD 420 - Insurance and Reimbursement for Healthcare Professionals (3)

Overview of health insurance products and managed care approaches to the financing and delivery of healthcare services. Students explore the reimbursement and payment mechanisms. Open to all CHS undergraduate students. Cross-listed with HIIM 420. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 421 - Healthcare Administration Internship (3-6)

This course is designed as a field-based application of knowledge and skills to enhance competency attainment in healthcare organizations under the supervision of a preceptor. A minimum of 6 credit hours must be earned to fulfill major requirements. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits. Up to 3 additional credit hours may be used to fulfill degree elective requirements. Prereq: Permission of program director. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

HCAD 422 - Healthcare Administration Capstone (3)

Students undertake a project based upon hypothetical or factual materials to resolve an organizational issue using knowledge and skills from all courses in the program. Prereq: Permission of program director. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 423 - Practicing Healthcare Compliance (3)

Comprehensive overview of the design and implementation of healthcare compliance programming, as well as appropriate responses to actions by enforcement agencies. Prereqs: HCAD 323, HCAD 324, and HCAD 404. Offered: Spring and Summer.

HCAD 424 - Health Policy and Politics (3)

This course examines the role of policy and politics in healthcare. The course also examines existing health policies in the U.S. and other countries and provides an overview of the policy development and evaluations processes. Offered: Spring.

HCAD 499 - Independent Study (1-3)

Individualized academic work for qualified students under faculty direction. Opportunity to study a specialized topic not covered in regularly scheduled courses. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of program director. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

History

HIST 200 - World History since 1500 (4)

An examination of world civilizations since 1500 as global connections took shape through changes in economics, politics, religion, social organizing, and technology. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 217 - Early America (4)

Social, cultural, and political overview of American history from its colonial beginnings through the end of Reconstruction. Required of history majors. Successful completion fulfills the general education humanities requirement. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 218 - Modern America (4)

Social, cultural, and political overview of American history from 1865 to the present. Required of history majors. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 222 - The African American Experience (4)

This course introduces students to the African American experience in the United States from the 1860s to the 1990s. Students will have the opportunity to consider the founding promises of the nation—liberty, equality, justice, and freedom—and how they have been denied to African Americans and how the black community struggled to make real these promises. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

HIST 300 - The Historian's Craft (4)

Introduction to historiography and historical methods and techniques covering the use of primary and secondary sources, note-taking, citation (including Turabian), and Internet sources. Includes completion of a substantial research paper based on both primary and secondary sources, especially as preparation for further upper-division work. Seminar format; required of history majors. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 301 - American Revolution and Early Republic (4)

This course traces the creation of the American Republic through the period of conflict with Great Britain, Independence, the Revolutionary War, the creation of the Constitution, and the setting up of the federal government, down to the War of 1812. Political, cultural, religious, economic, and social developments are all considered. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 302 - The New Nation (4)

Examination of the growth of the United States from the constitutional era through the onset of the sectional conflict. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 305 - The Civil War and Reconstruction (4)

Advanced study of the forces and events involved in the coming of the great American conflict, the war years, and Reconstruction.

HIST 306 - The Emergence of Modern America (4)

Survey of aspects that helped define terms for the politics, economics, and culture of the early 20th century, such as the rise of heavy industry; the businessman as new folk hero; business consolidations and urbanization; "New Immigration" and "Social Darwinism"; and the clash of protests from organized labor, Populism, Socialism, and the Social Gospel. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 307 - The Great Depression and World War II (4)

Examination of American social, cultural, and political history during the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s.

HIST 308 - Cold War America: Media and Politics (4)

This course focuses on media, politics, and culture during the Cold War (1945-1991). Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 312 - Medieval Intellectual History (4)

Survey of intellectual, religious and political trends from the year 1000 through 1500 with particular attention to the rise of the papacy, the revolution of scholasticism, and the challenges of early reformers. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

HIST 313 - The Reformation (4)

Study of the dynamic forces loosed in the Reformation, with cultural, intellectual, theological, and political emphases. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 314 - Early Modern Intellectual History (4)

Survey of political, social, and religious developments of the Enlightenment period. Includes a study of primary and secondary texts that contribute to 17th and 18th century intellectual history and the development of Western Europe. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 315 - American Intellectual History (4)

An in-depth study of the historical interpretations of American intellectual life from the colonial period through the progressive movement in the early 20th century. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 316 - Modern Intellectual History (4)

Survey of the relationship between intellectual and political trends that gave rise to Liberalism, Marxism, and Fascism between the 18th and the 20th centuries.

HIST 317 - Nationalism (4)

Advanced study of 19th-century and 20th-century European history focusing on the rise of nationalism and its consequences.

HIST 318 - Imperialism (4)

Overview of important theoretical works on history, culture, and society. Emphasis will be given to such topics as the construction of national identities, the mobilization of culture for a number of different purposes, and the tension between national and transnational identities. Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

HIST 322 - Early 20th Century Europe (4)

Advanced study of the political, economic, military, and cultural aspects of European history and Europe's international relations, 1900-1945.

HIST 326 - Modern Russia (4)

Review of Russian and Soviet history from the emancipation of the serfs to the present. Focus of lectures is on politics, international relations, and ideologies; focus of most of the required reading and research papers is on Russian culture, broadly defined.

HIST 331 - Ancient Near East and Greece (4)

Review of the characteristics and contributions of this region from the rise of civilizations and the development of society in Sumeria, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Syria- Palestine, Asia Minor, and Greece.

HIST 332 - Roman Republic and Empire (4)

Study of the growth of Roman civilization, with emphasis on Rome's political, cultural, and religious contributions.

HIST 333 - Foundations of Islamic Civilization (4)

This course examines the early development of the global phenomenon of Islam and Islamic civilization. It begins with a description of Near East cultures at the end of Late Antiquity and concludes with the Ottomans. The course treats Islamic civilization as a historical process that was expressed differently in various periods and regions. Students will read portions of chronicles and selections from the Qur'an and hadith. Cross-listed with BREL 372. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 335 - Modern Middle East (4)

Study of the emergence of modern nation-states in the Middle East, beginning with the framework of the Ottoman Empire. Course focuses on political and social problems since 1800.

HIST 336 - Modern Africa (4)

Broad cultural history of Africa and the Middle East.

HIST 337 - History of International Women's Movements (4)

Moving from the Enlightenment to the present, this course examines a range of women's movements around the world. The course critically analyzes the nature of political movements and considers the different circumstances that define women's activity. Through the study of different texts, students will analyze the different ways that women's histories are documented. And as a global history class, the course emphasizes the importance of taking a

comparative approach and considering multiple perspectives. No one thing defines women's politics, yet certain themes—the family, reproduction, and suffrage—reoccur. This course puts these conversations in global context. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 338 - Crusades and Jihads (4)

This course examines the use of the terms “crusade” and “jihad” from the Middle Ages to today to investigate the rhetoric behind religious warfare. We explore the question of how expressions of “holy war” can be traced back to theological interpretations, as well as to more mundane motivations. While we study the events surrounding the conflict that we call “crusades,” this course scrutinizes the narratives left by Christians and Muslims who lived these events. Students discuss the modern application of the terms of “crusade” and “jihad” to decipher the lasting appeal of these concepts as cultural touchpoints and political propaganda. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

HIST 342 - Modern China (4)

Examination of the major political, social, economic, and cultural developments of Chinese civilization since 1644, and evaluation of the impact of these developments on world history.

HIST 343 - Modern Japan (4)

Examination of the major political, economic, and social developments of Japan since 1868.

HIST 350 - Modern Latin America (4)

Survey of modern Latin American history, with particular attention to social and cultural forms, racial and ethnic interaction, and the region's political trajectory. Includes study of contemporary issues such as popular nationalism, drug trafficking and terrorism, human rights, and the interrelation of free trade and democratic government. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

HIST 351 - Modern Mexico and Central America (4)

Seminar on Mexican history, with particular emphasis on the 19th and 20th centuries. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

HIST 355 - Colonial Latin America (4)

Study of the indigenous cultures of the Americas from pre-Columbian times to the present. Introduces ethnohistorical methodology and topical readings including first-hand accounts of (and by) Native Americans. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

HIST 362 - Early Modern England (4)

Study of English political, social, and cultural history from 1485 through the Glorious Revolution.

HIST 363 - Modern England (4)

Study of the development of the English nation and empire since 1750.

HIST 375 - The United States in the World (4)

This course takes an historical approach to viewing the many ways the United States has interacted with the wider world, from its founding to the present. The class tracks the diplomatic, military, cultural, and religious exchanges which developed as Americans ventured abroad. The class will prompt students to consider the country's role in the world going forward. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

HIST 391 - Exploring North American Landscapes (4)

Exploration of the human and physical geographies of the United States and Canada. Drawing from diverse texts, the course explores the evolution of the North American landscape. Topics to be covered include conversion of the New World wilderness, frontier mythologies, the evolution of the American city, and the cultural impact of suburbia. Cross-listed with GEOG 391. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 398 - Special Topics in History (4)

Unique, one-time courses offered either by visiting professors or as experimental advanced courses by members of the department. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

HIST 401 - Oral History (4)

Special topics study of local, state, and regional folk cultures through oral histories.

HIST 403 - The Civil Rights Movement (4)

Advanced study of the Civil Rights Movement in America.

HIST 405 - Digital and Public History (4)

This course teaches students the relevance of historical inquiry through the active application of digital and public history storytelling tools. The digital age has made encountering and learning from the past accessible in new ways. Digital and Public History creates a setting for students to develop rich content that serves the greater community. Students use oral history interviews, photography, archival material, demographic information, and online mapping tools to make local experiences more identifiable and meaningful. Students work in groups to apply this interdisciplinary toolset to a community engagement project. Prereq: UCS 102. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 408 - Birmingham and the New South (4)

Study of the South, from Reconstruction to the present, with a focus on the history, culture, political, and economic development of Birmingham. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 409 - Alabama and Southern Culture (4)

This course explores the cultural distinctiveness of the American South (food, music, folklore, race, politics, religion, climate, geography, etc.) with a specific focus on Alabama. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 410 - The American Presidency (4)

Examination of the historical evolution of the American presidency, with particular emphasis on the expansion of presidential powers during the 20th century.

HIST 437 - The History of American Women (4)

Study of women who have made a significant impact on mainstream American history and the role and status of ordinary women. Includes consideration of the forces that have been exerted on American society by women as a group and the forces that have been exerted upon women. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 438 - The Family, Sex, and Law in Modern Europe (4)

Examination of the development of the European family from the Industrial Revolution to contemporary times. Emphasis on the evolution of marriage, parent-child relationships, and the role of wider kin in family formation. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 439 - Race and Violence (4)

This course explores why racial violence occurs, how it unfolds, who participates, what its consequences are, how it has changed over time, and who sanctions it. We will examine both legally sanctioned violence (death penalty) and extralegal violence (lynching) in the context of American history. The primary focus will be on the period from Reconstruction to the end of the Civil Rights Era. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 440 - Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions (4)

Examination of radical social change through comparison of various revolutions (e.g., English, American, French, Russian, and Chinese). Offered: On rotation.

HIST 444 - Law and Society (4)

Using the rich history of the United States as a case study of a global process, this class explores two parallel and interlinked transformations: the rise of a capitalist consumer society and the movement from customary and local controls to state-enforced environmental law. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101. Offered: Fall.

HIST 445 - American Constitutional History (4)

Study of American legal and constitutional history and the concepts of constitutional law. Offered: On rotation.

HIST 447 - The Development of American Law (4)

Review of the development of American Law.

HIST 470 - Internship (1-4)

Student internships in local, state, national, and international offices and agencies under supervision of the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor and department chair. Offered: Fall, Spring, and most Summers.

HIST 471 - Legal Studies Internship (2-4)

The Legal Studies Internship is a cooperative effort between the Department of History and a public or private law-related entity. The purpose of the Internship is to give students the opportunity to apply their education to actual work situations. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: UCS 102 or UFWR 101, and instructor permission. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

HIST 473 - Civic Engagement Internship (2-4)

The Civic Engagement Internship is an experiential learning experience for history and global studies students interested in working with non-profit organizations engaged in service to the community. This internship seeks to enhance traditional modes of learning through civic engagement. Students will gain extensive experience applying principles of civic engagement and major-disciplinary knowledge and skills to community-identified problems. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101 and instructor permission. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

HIST 474 - Public History and Museum Studies Internship (2-4)

The Public History and Museum Studies Internship is an experiential learning experience for history and global studies students interested in careers working in museums or other public history venues. An internship is an excellent opportunity for a student to apply knowledge gained through course work in history courses to a hands-on work experience. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101 and instructor permission. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

HIST 475 - Law and History Professional Seminar (1)

This class will examine the history of the legal profession, the vocation of the law, career paths within the law, ethical questions in practicing law, and the application of these questions for the individual student. Prereq/Co-req: HIST 300. Offered: Spring.

HIST 490 - War and Society (4)

Study of U.S. military policy and engagements from the colonial period to the present with an emphasis on the ways these conflicts have impacted the U.S. and global landscapes. Prereq: UCS 102 or UFWR 101. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

HIST 495 - Senior Seminar (4)

Intense examination of selected topics in history with emphasis on directed research and writing. Topics vary. Required of all history majors, usually in their senior year. Juniors with a GPA of 3.50 or better in history courses may register with the instructor's written permission. Prereq: HIST 300. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HIST 497 - Independent Studies in History (1-4)

Directed readings and research involving a particular field or period of history designed to give preparation in special areas not fully covered in regular course offerings. May be repeated three times for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor and department chair.

Human Development and Family Science

HDFE 200 - Professional Perspectives in Family Science (2)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of professional pathways in family science, guiding students in understanding their career calling and the diverse opportunities within the field. Students will examine the historical foundations, interdisciplinary nature, and integrative perspectives of family science while identifying the skills, experiences, and professional competencies necessary for success. Through self-assessment, career research, and professional development activities, students will develop individualized academic and career plans. The course also emphasizes ethical standards, professional conduct, and essential communication skills, equipping students to navigate careers in family science.

Grading is pass/fail. For HDFE majors only. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 202 - Marriage and the Family (4)

This course provides an overview of key theories and research methodologies in the study of modern relationships and family dynamics. Topics include dating, marriage, family life stages, intra-family relationships (e.g., marital dynamics), parenting, and the roles of both nuclear and extended family members. The course also examines the broader social, cultural, and economic influences shaping family experiences at both micro and macro levels.

Offered: Fall and Spring.

HDFE 290 - Introduction to Child Life (2)

An introduction to the field of child life taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist. This course encompasses the six required topics set forth by the Child Life Council: Child Life Documents; Scope of Practice; Impact of Illness, Injury, and Health; Family Centered Care; Therapeutic Play; and Preparation. Offered: Summer.

HDFE 300 - Parenting (4)

This course explores the emotional, physical, and sociological dimensions of parenthood and co-parenthood, with a focus on the needs of both children and parents. Students will examine parenting philosophies, family systems, and the theories and practices that shape parenting roles across the lifespan. Special attention is given to the application of parent education programs within the field of family life education. Offered: Fall.

HDFE 310 - Counseling Foundations (4)

This course provides an introduction to the field of counseling, exploring diverse settings, roles, and approaches. Students will develop a foundational understanding of counseling techniques and gain basic skills essential for effective interpersonal interactions across various personal and professional contexts. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

HDFE 322 - Family Life Education (2)

This course provides an introduction to the philosophy, principles, and practices of Family Life Education (FLE). Students will explore the process of designing, implementing, and evaluating educational programs that support individuals and families across the lifespan. Through observation, critique, and hands-on curriculum development, students will gain practical experience in creating effective and inclusive learning experiences. Emphasis will be placed on evidence-based practice, process-oriented teaching methodologies, and strategies for engaging diverse audiences. Students will also examine the role of cultural competence, ethical considerations, and program promotion in the successful delivery of family life education. Prereq: HDFE 202. Offered: Fall.

HDFE 324 - Human Sexuality (4)

This course offers a multidisciplinary exploration of human sexuality, incorporating biological, psychological, social, cultural, and spiritual perspectives. Students will examine the complex factors that shape sexual health, identity, relationships, and decision-making. Emphasis will be placed on personal values formation, ethical considerations, and the impact of societal influences such as media, culture, and interpersonal relationships. Through critical discussion and analysis, students will develop an informed and respectful understanding of human sexuality and its role in individual and relational well-being. Prereq: HDFE 202. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 330 - Death and Dying (4)

This course offers an educational opportunity with two emphases: (1) the human experiences of death, dying, and bereavement, and (2) how death and grief impact our living. This course engages students in the cognitive, affective, behavioral/skill development, and spiritual/theological dimensions of death education, drawing on resources generated by the modern death awareness movement. In addition, we will emphasize family experiences of loss and grief.

HDFE 331 - Family Dynamics (4)

Analysis of family dynamics from a systemic, developmental framework. Through theoretical, empirical, and popular literature students will examine the connection between family organization and day-to-day issues of communication, conflict, and coping with stress and conflict. Includes examination of the contemporary social context in which families operate. As a writing course, HDFE 331 focuses on training students to develop effective APA research writing skills. Prereq: HDFE 202. Co-req: HDFE 383. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HDFE 345 - Families and Health (4)

This course explores the dynamic relationship between families and health across the lifespan, emphasizing both preventative and remedial approaches to well-being. Students will examine the impact of physical and emotional health on family dynamics, including the effects of illness and disability. Topics include family behaviors related to nutrition, fitness, stress management, and health advocacy, as well as the role of culture in shaping health perceptions and access to care. Through analysis of health care systems and collaborative approaches to care, students will develop foundational skills for assessing family health concerns, promoting coping strategies, and supporting diverse health needs within family systems. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 346 - Family Resource Management (4)

This course examines how individuals and families develop and allocate financial and human resources—including time, money, material assets, energy, social networks, and space—to achieve their goals across the lifespan. Emphasizing the complexities of family dynamics and societal influences, the course explores decision-making processes and resource management strategies in diverse family contexts. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission. Offered: Fall.

HDFE 350 - Introduction to Non-Profit Organizations and Grant Writing (4)

This course provides an overview of the role of nonprofit organizations in society, exploring their creation, administration, and impact. Students will examine theoretical, philosophical, practical, and ethical perspectives related to nonprofit management, with a focus on grant writing as a key funding strategy. Emphasis is placed on understanding the challenges and opportunities within the nonprofit sector. Offered: On rotation.

HDFE 356 - Trauma Informed Care (4)

Examination of research related to the impact of trauma on child and adolescent development, including biological and psychosocial considerations. Discussion of trauma-informed interventions and practice implementing interventions, with a specific focus on Trust-Based Relational Intervention®. Students will have opportunities to reflect on their own philosophies of how trauma-informed approaches shape child-caregiver relationships and developmental understanding. For HDFE majors only. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 360 - Infant and Child Development (4)

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the science of child development, from prenatal stages through early adolescence. Students will explore major theories of development and examine cognitive, physical, and social-emotional growth within diverse socio-ecological contexts. Special attention will be given to developmental disorders and their impact on individuals and family dynamics. Additionally, students will receive hands-on training in child assessment by practicing the administration of a developmental screening instrument. Through research, observation, and applied learning, students will develop the skills necessary to assess developmental progress, recognize influential factors on development, and support individuals and families through key transitions. Prereq: HDFE 202. Offered: Fall.

HDFE 365 - Adolescent and Adult Development (4)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and spiritual development from adolescence through later life. Students will examine major theories of adult development and key life transitions, including peer relationships, dating, marriage, career choices, parenting, the empty nest phase, midlife changes, and retirement. Emphasis is placed on understanding the challenges and opportunities within each stage of development. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 366 - Gerontology and the Family (4)

This course provides an introduction to the field of gerontology, exploring the intersections between aging, family relationships, and societal change. As the foundational course for the gerontology concentration, students will examine demographic trends, theoretical perspectives, and research methodologies in aging studies. Special emphasis will be placed on late-life transitions, intergenerational relationships, and the role of family caregiving. Through critical analysis and reflection, students will develop a deeper understanding of the biological, emotional, and social dimensions of aging within diverse historical and cultural contexts. Offered: On rotation.

HDFE 370 - Practicum in Family Life Education (4)

This course provides students with hands-on experience through a 125-hour practicum in a child, family, social, or community agency, complemented by classroom instruction. Emphasis is placed on personal and professional development, ethical standards across helping professions, and the creation of a professional portfolio. Practicum sites must meet established criteria, as outlined by the HDFE practicum supervisor. Enrollment is limited to junior and senior HDFE majors. Prereq: HDFE 202. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HDFE 375 - Independent/Special Study (1-5)

Individual problem selected by the student, with approval of the department chair, arranged with the guidance and supervision of an assigned staff member. Prereq: HDFE 202. Offered: See advisor.

HDFE 383 - Research Methods and Statistics (4)

This course is designed to provide students with an introduction to research methods and applied statistics in family science. Topics include the basic elements of scientific thought, the stages in the quantitative research process, and statistical analysis. The development of cognitive skills in the areas of conceptualizing research ideas and measurable variables is emphasized. In addition, students will design an introductory quantitative research project based on a literature review created in Family Dynamics (HDFE 331). This project design will be carried out in Senior Research to follow (HDFE 483). Prereq: HDFE 202. Co-req: HDFE 331. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HDFE 390 - Child Life Practicum (4)

Students in the child development education concentration work (as volunteers) in an early childhood learning program under supervision of its staff and Samford faculty. Class meets once per week for 2 hours and 40 minutes, plus 8 hours per week of field experience. (Students pursuing the child life concentration will work as volunteers in a hospital child life program under supervision of the hospital child life staff and Samford faculty.) Prereq: HDFE 202.

HDFE 391 - Therapeutics of Play (2)

This course explores the therapeutic and developmental significance of play as a tool for fostering physical, cognitive, social, and emotional growth. Students will examine classical and contemporary theories of play, gaining hands-on experience in observing, structuring, and assessing play-based interventions. Emphasis will be placed on the role of play therapy in supporting children across diverse contexts, including clinical, educational, and family settings. Students will also explore ethical, legal, and sociocultural considerations in the application of play therapy. This course is required for students pursuing certification as a Child Life Specialist and provides foundational knowledge for those interested in therapeutic and educational applications of play. Offered: Summer.

HDFE 397 - Special Topics (1-4)

Examination of a particular topic in human development and/or family science that is not normally examined in depth in the regular course offerings. This course is designed to teach students about a special research interest of a faculty member or a newly emerging area of family science. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission.

HDFE 399 - Special Topics Abroad (4)

Special courses designed for and offered through the Office of International Studies. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission.

HDFE 400 - Family Law and Public Policy (4)

This course provides an interdisciplinary exploration of family law and public policy, examining legislation and policies that impact families across the lifespan. Topics include marriage laws, family leave, divorce, family support, child custody, child protection, and economic support for children and families. Emphasis is placed on ethical considerations within the helping professions, particularly in the field of family studies. Prereq: HDFE 202 or instructor permission. Offered: Spring.

HDFE 413 - Multicultural Perspectives (4)

Overview of contemporary family science scholarship related to multicultural perspectives and international contexts. Examines the psycho-dynamics of cultural identity of families and communities. The effects of globalization on work and family relations through the lens of a family systems approach. Cultural competence is developed as a professional skill in family science and related helping professions. Offered: On rotation.

HDFE 483 - Senior Research (2)

A capstone course designed to assist students with the completion of the research project that was conceptualized in HDFE 383 (Research Methods and Statistics) and grounded in HDFE 331 (Family Dynamics). Students work with their instructor to revise their literature review, implement an IRB-reviewed procedure, recruit research participants, collect data, analyze data using SPSS, and write an analysis and discussion. The course instructor will evaluate the completed research report. Students also are required to make professional research presentations to a student peer group. Prereq: HDFE 383. Offered: Fall and Spring.

HDFE 490 - Child Life Internship (12)

Students complete an approved Child Life internship experience in a hospital setting. All internship experiences are supervised by a certified Child Life Specialist and involve a minimum of 480 hours of experience. Enrollment in this course is dependent upon acceptance into an approved hospital program. Security clearance and proper immunizations may be required by the hospital prior to the start of the internship. Failure to meet these requirements may result in termination of enrollment. Prereqs: HDFE 390 and instructor permission.

HDFE 491 - Child Development Education Internship (12)

Students complete an approved internship involving a minimum of 450 hours of clinical, structured experiences working with young children and their families in one or more early childhood learning center locations. Hours include a minimum of four supervisory consultations by approved university personnel. Travel within and outside the Birmingham metro area may be required to reach the site(s). Students enrolled in this course MUST have a negative security clearance by the Alabama Department of Human Resources prior to the start of their internship. Failure to receive clearance may result in termination of enrollment. Prereqs: HDFE 390 and instructor permission. Offered: Spring.

Interdisciplinary

IDHU 201 - Interdisciplinary Humanities (4)

An interdisciplinary course that allows students to explore a topic in the humanities from multiple perspectives. Course can be offered with a variety of different special topics. Satisfies the general education humanities requirement for most majors. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4)

Scientific approach to understanding the physical universe through an investigation of representative topics in physics, chemistry, and biology, paying particular attention to the sources of scientific information both for scientists and society. Interdisciplinary course taught by faculty in biology, chemistry, and physics. Satisfies the general education natural and computational sciences requirement for most majors. LEC 4. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in UCS 102.

IDSS 201 - Interdisciplinary Social Science (4)

An interdisciplinary course that combines a social science discipline with either a humanities or science discipline. Topics will vary depending on the faculty co-teaching the course. Satisfies the general education social science requirement for most majors. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

Interior Design

IARC 101 - Survey of the Professions (1)

Introduction to the professions of architecture and interior design. Topics of discussion will include development of the professions, educational requirements, professional practice, and current works. Discussions will be led by instructors and professional practitioners. Cross-listed with ARCH 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

IARC 201 - Shop Craft (1)

Introduction to the processes and skills required for model-building and furniture production. Emphasis is on the craft and technology used in these processes - familiarizing the student with the safe operation of this equipment for use in future class projects. For majors in interior design or theatre only. Currently not offered.

IARC 210 - Movements in Architecture (3)

Study of the development of architecture, interiors, and furnishings around the world from pre-history to the present, analyzing concurrent developments in different regions, grounding students in each cultural period, and hallmarking determinants that shaped each culture's aesthetics and design history. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Cross-listed with ARCH 210. Offered: Fall.

IARC 211 - Architectural Drawing I (3)

Designing for the built environment requires cultivating the ability to compose form simultaneously in both two- and three-dimensional space. In this course we explore architectural language and graphical standards of two-dimensional graphic composition as a foundation for three-dimensional graphic compositions. Our goals are to develop formal technical drawing skills that lead to understanding the relationship between two-dimensional design and three-dimensional design; to cultivate the ability to encode and decode abstract representations in the field of design/architecture; and to enhance the ability to visually and graphically communicate design intent. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with ARCH 211. Offered: Fall.

IARC 212 - Design Fundamentals Studio I (3)

A transitional design studio course that builds upon the fundamental elements and principles of design introduced in ART 101 and ART 102. This course explores three-dimensional design composition generated from two-dimensional expressions. Initially conceptual and abstract in nature, the process moves the student toward a rational design solution as it relates to space design and the habitable environment; exploring spatial composition and transformation; progression; perception and sequence; light; color; and materiality. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with ARCH 212. Prereqs: ART 101, ART 102, ART 110, ART 120, and ART 222. Co-req: IARC 211. Offered: Fall.

IARC 214 - Building Systems I (3)

This course is intended for those who are new to building design and looking to learn the basics of building systems and building rating systems such as LEED. The course offers an introduction to sustainable building principles and practices as each relates to components of the building construction and building code regulations. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Cross-listed with ARCH 214. Offered: Fall.

IARC 220 - Presentation Techniques (3)

Studio course for interior design students that focuses on developing perspective sketches, rendering techniques, and graphic compositions for presentation purposes. Skills acquired in ART 120 (Drawing I) serve as a foundation for this course. Technical/studio format. Currently not offered.

IARC 225 - Building Systems II (3)

This course builds on the principles learned in IARC 214 to establish a deeper understanding of building systems, life safety requirements, and thermal and environmental systems. The course does this through a continued understanding of sustainable building principles, building construction, and building code regulations. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Cross-listed with ARCH 224. Prereq: IARC 214. Offered: Spring.

IARC 232 - Architectural Drawing II (3)

Study of design exploration, visualization, and documentation using building information modeling (BIM) processes, and of custom model element creation using common industry software applications. Course builds on concepts learned in IARC 211 and parallels the design efforts in IARC 242. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with ARCH 221. Prereq: IARC 211. Offered: Spring.

IARC 242 - Interior Design Studio II (3)

Studio course in which concepts of interior architecture are introduced and developed. It follows and applies knowledge developed in IARC 212 and draws its foundation from the elements and principles of design that were introduced in fine art foundation courses. These abstract principles will be applied to spatial problem-solving as the design methodology process is introduced. Residential design issues and criteria are the emphasis for studio projects. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Offered: Spring.

IARC 310 - Creative Investigation (2)

Through analysis, students will examine and apply various processes related to creative work in the arts by exploring how professionals in their field develop design work and by developing a unique project proposal to be implemented in IARC 414. Prereq/Co-req: IARC 322.

IARC 311 - Digital Rendering and Presentation (3)

This course presents contemporary methods of digital representation as both a communicative device and conceptual tool for architecture and interior architecture. The course will explore appropriate computer graphics techniques and three-dimensional modeling and compositing software in order to expand our ability to communicate architecturally. This course will simultaneously guide students through the development of a design portfolio for job interviews, graduate school applications, design grants, or competitions. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with ARCH 311. Prereqs: ART 110, IARC 211, and IARC 232. Offered: Fall.

IARC 312 - Lighting (3)

Study of basic lighting principles and their application. Sources, lamp properties, fixture design, photometrics, lumen/footcandle calculations, and lifecycle evaluation are derived for specification. Prereqs: IARC 212 and IARC 225. Offered: Spring.

IARC 321 - Furniture and Millwork (3)

Introduction to the design process, technical criteria, and historical precedent to be considered in the design of furniture and millwork items. The student should have a basic knowledge of the design process, artistic drawing, and technical drawing which will be used as tools to develop project design solutions. For majors in interior design only. Technical/studio format. Offered: Spring.

IARC 322 - Interior Design Studio IV (6)

Fourth in the interior design studio sequence, this course follows and applies knowledge developed in IARC 343 and heightens further the application of the design methodology process through exploration of large-scale commercial projects and issues common to this typology. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Prereq: IARC 343. Offered: Spring.

IARC 325 - Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse (4)

Identification and study of historical architectural styles as designed and constructed in specific projects. Students research the building's original appearance and restore the project to its original purpose or to a converted purpose. Currently not offered.

IARC 340 - Concepts and Theories of Sustainability (2)

Exploration of sustainable design and the basics of the green building initiative. The course offers an introduction to USGBC, sustainable building principles, and the fundamentals of the LEED Rating System. Students will leave this course with a basic understanding of the intent, concepts, and terms for each LEED credit category, as well as green building best practices, regulations and incentives, sustainable products, synergies, and tradeoffs of LEED credits. For majors in interior design only. Technical/studio format. Currently not offered.

IARC 343 - Interior Design Studio III (6)

Third in the interior design studio sequence, this course follows and applies knowledge developed in IARC 212 and IARC 242 and heightens further the application of the design methodology process. Small-scale commercial typology will be explored with emphasis on materiality, building systems, codes and regulations while further investigating concepts and principles of sustainability. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format.

Prereq: IARC 232. Offered: Fall.

IARC 346 - Textiles and Materials (3)

Exploration of characteristics, properties, and applications of textiles and other materials used for construction, furnishings, and as finish surfaces in the built environment. Offered: Fall.

IARC 380 - History and Theory of Interiors and Furnishings (4)

Study of the development of architectural interiors and furnishings from pre-history to the present, grounding students in each cultural period of hallmarking a set of determinants that shaped the culture's aesthetics and design history. Currently not offered.

IARC 400 - Interior Design Independent Study (1-4)

Exploration of a particular design content area as selected by the student, with approval of the program coordinator, under guidance and supervision of an assigned staff member. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: See advisor.

IARC 401 - Special Topics in Interior Design (1-4)

Special topics in interior design not normally examined in depth in regular course offerings. May explore a special design interest of a faculty member or a newly emerging area in interior design. Topics vary depending on the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

Technical/studio format. Offered: See advisor.

IARC 414 - Interior Design Studio V (6)

Senior Capstone design studio that incorporates components from all previously studied interior design courses. Students design a project traditionally located in an international, developing-world setting or in a domestic setting that embraces cultural challenges different from their own. Building on research and analysis, along with interaction with the client(s), students utilize the project scenario and program developed in the prerequisite class, IARC 310, to further study and explore design solutions for this project, intended to be built by the client. Prereq: IARC 310.

IARC 420 - Furniture and Millwork Design (3)

Introduction to the design process as well as technical criteria to be considered in the design of furniture, merchandising, and millwork items. Students should have a basic knowledge of the design process and artistic and technical drawing as used as tools to develop project design solutions. Technical/studio format. Currently not offered.

IARC 421 - Professional Practice (3)

Exploration of business practices of the professions of architecture and interior design such as marketing, compensation, business structures, legal responsibilities, and more. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Offered: Spring.

IARC 422 - Interior Design Studio VI (6)

This course will incorporate and apply historic preservation and adaptive reuse principles in a final senior-level design studio. Students will incorporate components from all previously studied interior and architecture design courses, applying the design methodology process to create a project scenario, and to research and develop an appropriate design solution utilizing a documented historic structure as a basis of form. Architecture and interior design students will work together in this collaborative studio. For majors in architecture or interior design only. Technical/studio format. Cross-listed with ARCH 422.

Prereq: IARC 414. Offered: Spring.

IARC 455 - Internship (2 or 4)

Independent study in which students gain practical experience while working in an architectural or interior design firm, or in a business involved in the practice of interior design. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: See advisor.

International Studies

INTL 330 - International Internship (1-6)

Provides part-time practical work experience while studying abroad. Students work under the supervision of professionals in a variety of fields. May be repeated once for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: 2.50 GPA and approval of instructor and SamfordGlobal. Offered: Every term.

INTL 345 - British Identity and Conflict - The World Wars (4)

The echoes and memories of the First and Second World Wars continue to permeate modern British society, culture, and politics. This course will attempt to shed the emotional baggage of the last 100 years by contextualizing Britain's wartime experiences. Students will explore historical sites and debate primary and secondary sources to create a nuanced understanding of Britain during the First and Second World Wars. Along the way, students will interrogate some of the central myths of modern British identity; events that remain fiercely debated and evoked well into the 21st century. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

INTL 360 - British Heritage and Culture (4)

Interdisciplinary study of the British Isles from a variety of perspectives, including history, literature, politics and government, art and architecture, education, religion, race, class, and gender. Lectures by British professors are supplemented by visits to museums, political institutions, and other historic sites in London. This course may be taken as part of the Semester Abroad Program only. Satisfies the general education social science or humanities requirement for most majors. Offered: Fall and Spring.

INTL 399 - International Study Topics (4)

Interdisciplinary course, cross-listed with various schools and departments, takes advantage of the particular expertise of the professor and of the resources available in the international setting. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer I.

INTL 430 - International Independent Study (1-4)

Advanced study of a particular theme or topic germane to individual student interest within an international setting through readings, research, and analysis. Designed for people who have completed basic courses and who want to study specific topics not offered in other study abroad courses. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of academic and faculty advisor. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Journalism and Mass Communication

JMC 200 - Mass Media and Society (4)

Introduction to mass communication with an emphasis on exposure to mass media messages, the industry, message effects, historical perspective, communication theories, and media literacy. Offered: Every semester.

JMC 202 - Introduction to Storytelling (4)

Introduction to the basic skills needed to tell stories effectively through mass media, including story development; fundamental writing techniques for print journalism, web journalism, broadcast journalism, and public relations; journalistic writing style; proper grammar; story construction methods; and media literacy. Offered: Spring.

JMC 253 - Introduction to Sports Journalism (4)

Introduction to basic skills needed to tell sports stories effectively through mass media. These skills include story development, fundamental writing techniques, journalistic writing style, story construction, coverage of athletic events, profiles and enterprise reporting, and media literacy. Offered: Fall and Spring.

JMC 254 - Introduction to Photojournalism (4)

This course is about the basics of still photography for use in mass communications, especially for public relations professionals and journalists, but of use to all who produce and manipulate professional photographs. The latest digital photographic techniques will be employed throughout, including digital still cameras and digital darkroom software. Offered: On rotation.

JMC 303 - Print and Web Storytelling (4)

The purpose of this course is to teach students the concepts of advanced reporting and writing for print- and web-based publications. Students will learn how to determine which facts should go in a news story, how to quote sources accurately, apply Associated Press style and correct grammar, and understand online research approaches. Students will present information using in-depth hard news and feature approaches. Prereq: JMC 202. Offered: Fall.

JMC 304 - Visual Storytelling for Print and Digital Media (4)

Introduction to visual storytelling for print and non-video digital platforms. Students will learn to use and apply the basic principles and elements of visual design to create non-video media products used by advertising, public relations and journalism professionals. Projects will include magazine page design, newsletters, brochures, infographics, specialty photos for social media distribution, and photo essays for print and digital publication. Prereq: JMC 202. Offered: Fall.

JMC 305 - Broadcast Storytelling (4)

Writing course for broadcast platforms. Students will apply broadcast writing style to several projects throughout the semester, including voiceovers, radio packages, and TV packages. Students also learn technical skills and relevant software packages associated with broadcast storytelling (camera operation, sound recording, audio/video editing). Prereq: JMC 202. Offered: Spring.

JMC 307 - Principles of Public Relations (4)

Introduction and overview of principles, practices, context, and structure of public relations in private industry and the public sector, including the tactics of strategic communication and the psychology of persuasion. Prereq/Co-req: JMC 202 or COMS 200. Offered: Spring.

JMC 311 - Principles of Advertising (4)

An introductory course into the advertising field, including ad history, concepts of persuasion, media planning, and campaign fundamentals. Prereq/Co-req: JMC 202 or COMS 200. Offered: On rotation.

JMC 331 - Mass Media Internship (1-4)

Practical experience working under the supervision of qualified practitioners in print, broadcasting, advertising, or public relations. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereq: JMC 303. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

JMC 332 - Mass Media Ethics (4)

Historical overview and analysis of applied ethics for mass media professions. Prereq: JMC major with junior or senior standing. Offered: Fall and Spring.

JMC 333 - Mass Media Law (4)

Study of mass media law including: First Amendment principles, prior restraint, defamation, access to courts, FOIA, privacy, advertising regulation, copyright and trademarks. Prereq: JMC major with junior or senior standing. Offered: Fall and Spring.

JMC 354 - Sports Public Relations and Advertising (4)

Overview of public relations and advertising fundamentals within the broad field of sports. Prereq: JMC 202 or JMC 253. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

JMC 355 - Sports Photojournalism (4)

Study of sports/action-based photography including the required building blocks to become a sports photographer: preparation, equipment, exposure, emotion, aesthetics, and access. Prereq: JMC 202 or JMC 253. Offered: Fall.

JMC 356 - Sports Broadcasting (4)

This course is an introduction to the study and practice of sports broadcasting for television, an exciting, fast-paced field that has soared in popularity for students entering the media job market. Students learn the history and evolution of electronic sports coverage for radio, television, and Internet. The course also surveys trending show formats and career paths. Students work closely with Samford's Broadcast Services office and the Athletic Department to create sports shows with highlights and short feature stories. This course is an integral part of the sports media minor. Prereq: JMC 202 or JMC 253. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

JMC 373 - Media of Religion (4)

This course surveys the relationship between the mass media and American religion, especially the practice of Christianity. In particular, this course will focus on the use of media technologies to promote religious messages, with a special emphasis on the burgeoning use of the web and social media by religious organizations, non-profits and individuals for religious and spiritual purposes. The course will also explore the world of religious television and film, explore how religion is portrayed in secular entertainment and news media, and the relationship between Christianity and the mass-mediated consumer culture. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

JMC 380 - Social Media Practices (4)

Study of the strategic use of social media and online communication tools to build and nurture relationships to achieve defined communication objectives. Students learn effective social media and content marketing practices based on case studies and applied use of social media and other online communication tools. The course also focuses on the metrics and analytics used to measure and evaluate social media campaigns. Students work in teams to produce a comprehensive strategic social media plan for a client. Prereq: COMS or JMC major. Offered: Fall and Spring.

JMC 385 - Public Relations and Advertising Agency (2)

A hands-on experience in public relations and advertising working for real clients. Students will engage in all facets of agency work, including research, writing, strategy development, tactical implementation, evaluation, and content creation across traditional, digital, and social media platforms. Offered: Fall and Spring.

JMC 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

JMC 401 - Senior Thesis (4)

Capstone experience that includes design, analysis, implementation, testing, and documentation of an original research project. Prereq: Senior standing. Offered: Fall.

JMC 402 - Applied Communication Research (4)

Introduction to current mass media research techniques as practiced in the print, broadcast, advertising, and public relations industries. Includes survey research, focus group research, interviewing, and simple experimental techniques as well as basic principles of data collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting. Research project required. Prereq: Senior standing. Offered: Fall.

JMC 405 - New Media Entrepreneurship (4)

This course emphasizes the importance of entrepreneurship, creativity, and innovation in media work. Students learn how to recognize needs in particular media ecosystems, how to create a plan to fill those needs, and how to finance that plan. The course emphasizes an understanding of and appreciation for startup culture in the fields of journalism, strategic communication, entertainment, and digital communication. Students will produce a business strategy for the launch of a new media product or service. Prereq: JMC major with junior or senior standing, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

JMC 411 - Advertising/Marketing Communication (4)

Practical application of principles of writing and producing persuasive materials for integrated marketing communications (IMC) purposes, including advertising, marketing, public relations, publicity, and promotions. Prereq: JMC 303 or JMC 311. Offered: Fall.

JMC 412 - Advertising Practicum II (4)

Practical and distinctive application in researching, planning, writing, scheduling, budgeting, and evaluating the creative campaign in a blend of form and function. Includes media selection, copy and layout, audio and video taping, story boards, and preparation of detailed budgets that are unique to each semester and professional client. As part of a two-course practicum experience, students are allowed to repeat this section of the practicum, for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: JMC 411. Offered: Spring.

JMC 421 - Advanced Mass Media-Electronic Practicum I (4)

Practical application of recording, reporting, writing, editing, and producing journalistic and persuasive digital video materials for broadcast and online media. Course is the first in a two-course practicum program. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: JMC 303 and JMC 305. Offered: Fall.

JMC 422 - Video Practicum II (4)

Advanced practical application in producing and directing. Includes staging, lighting, graphics, video control, and composition. Students produce a weekly news/public affairs video magazine (Samford News Network [SNN]). Course is the second in a two-course practicum. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: JMC 303 and JMC 305. Offered: Fall.

JMC 431 - Advanced Mass Media-Print/Web Practicum I (4)

Practical application of writing and production for journalistic messages delivered through online media. Students will study media through a digital journalism lens to produce a large-scale multimedia journalism project. Specific course topics will vary from year to year. Course is the first in a two-course practicum program. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: JMC 303. Offered: Fall.

JMC 432 - Magazine/E-Zine Practicum II (4)

Practical application in magazine production. Students write articles, edit, design, market, and publish a magazine. Magazine topics vary from year to year. Course is the second in a two-course practicum program. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: JMC 303 and JMC 304. Offered: Spring.

JMC 441 - Public Relations Communication (4)

Intermediate course in various media techniques used by public relations professionals to reach and influence desired publics. Prereqs: JMC 303 and JMC 307. Offered: Fall.

JMC 442 - Public Relations Practicum II (4)

The public relations practicum course encompasses the research, planning, implementation, and evaluation of a student-led public relations campaign. The course includes all strategic uses of public relations tactics in an agency simulation setting. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: JMC 441. Offered: Spring.

JMC 482 - Independent Study (1-4)

Directed-reading, research, and analysis involving a particular field of interest resulting in a project or paper. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: Junior standing and/or permission of the instructor.

JMC 492 - Special Topics in Mass Media (2-4)

In-depth analysis of a contemporary mass communication topic that is not normally covered in other JMC offerings. Topics vary according to the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

Journalism and Mass Communication - Film Production

FLMJ 200 - Introduction to Film Production (4)

Introductory exploration of film form and aesthetics as they relate to film technique and production, focusing on film structure, cinematography, sound, editing, narrative, interpretation, and the state of the contemporary film industry. Includes screening of films to analyze techniques. Prereq: UCR 101 or UCS 102. Offered: Fall.

FLMJ 300 - Film Production (4)

Techniques of digital filmmaking production, terminology, digital cameras, lighting techniques, audio recording, and digital editing. Includes screening of films to analyze and critique approaches to film production. Prereq: FLMJ 200. Offered: Spring.

FLMJ 341 - Film Production, Technology, and Culture (4)

Examination of how technology has influenced film production, focusing on the role that MTV, YouTube, and video iPods have played in changing film production. Includes review of how film production has become more inclusive because of the diffusion of new technologies. Prereq: FLMJ 200. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

FLMJ 400 - Documentary Film Production (4)

Exploration of non-fictional visual storytelling by developing and producing a mini-documentary that addresses a community issue. Prereqs: FLMJ 200 and FLMJ 300. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

FLMJ 410 - Short Film Production (4)

Examination of fictional visual storytelling by developing and producing a short film that integrates story with technical skill. Prereqs: FLMJ 200 and FLMJ 300. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

Kinesiology

KINE 141 - Introduction to Health Sciences (2)

This introductory course is designed to expose students in the Department of Kinesiology to their specific area of study and to provide experiences in selecting and using appropriate technology in this profession. Each sub-discipline will be examined relative to philosophical and historical foundations, impact and contribution to society, potential career opportunities and the relationship to other disciplines in the department (exercise science, health sciences, sports medicine). Learning strategies, including experiential learning and problem-based learning (PBL), will be used to link real world situations with content. These experiences will provide students with skills needed to become reflective decision-makers. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

KINE 165 - Foundations of Disability, Health, and Physical Activity (3)

This course introduces students to the foundational theories and models in disability, and how they affect the physical movement and social participation of people with disabilities. Students will learn appropriate terminology to discuss disability, etiquette when interacting with people with disabilities, and the core tenets of legal protections for people with disabilities. The course will also discuss historical representations of disability including Biblical texts.

Offered: Fall and Spring. (Formerly KINE 265)

KINE 200 - Introduction to Sports and Recreation Ministry (2)

Introduction to and overview of the field of recreation, sports, and leisure service. Course will examine the importance of recreation and leisure participation in our society, as well as how it can be a valuable tool for ministry. Students will explore a broad variety of program-providing entities. Offered: Spring.

KINE 250 - Medical Terminology (2)

Systematic study of medical terminology emphasizing understanding and using medical terms. Restricted to majors and minors in the kinesiology department. Students majoring in other areas must have special permission of the instructor. Prereq: KINE 141 or NUTR 210. Offered: Spring and Summer.

KINE 260 - Disability and Participation (3)

This course examines how people with disabilities participate in education, employment, and social activities. The course will discuss the impact of environmental and attitudinal barriers, and the role of assistive technology, accessibility, and universal design in promoting inclusion. Students will gain foundational knowledge on interprofessional healthcare and education and explore strategies for supporting individuals with disabilities in achieving meaningful participation in daily activities. Prereq: KINE 165. Offered: Every Term.

KINE 278 - Physiology of Strength and Conditioning (3)

This course examines the structure and function of the human body as it relates to performance of strength and conditioning exercise. Students will study the acute and chronic effects of strength and conditioning training. Further study will address the specific age and sex-differences in response to strength and conditioning training. Prereq: KINE 141 or SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 300 - Rehabilitation Techniques in Sports Medicine (4)

Classroom and practical study in appropriate use of therapeutic rehabilitation and techniques of athletic injuries. Includes scientific/physiological rationales, selection criteria, indications/contraindications, and clinical applications. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Spring.

KINE 322 - Lifespan Motor Development (3)

This course investigates the interaction of the individual, the requirements of a task, and the impact of the environment on motor development across the lifespan. Students will learn about typical and atypical motor developmental patterns. The course will discuss the relationship between the musculoskeletal and nervous system in motor development, and how various disorders affect motor performance across the lifespan. Prereq: KINE 165. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 324 - Motor Learning and Control (4)

Motor learning is the study of processes involved in the acquisition of motor skills and the factors that enhance them. This course focuses on the behavioral, biomechanical, and neural basis of functional movement. Movement analysis is used to explain the neuromotor control processes underlying skilled performance in everyday functional behaviors. Emphasis is placed on the role of the central nervous system in movement. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 325 - Practicum in Sports and Recreation Ministry (1-4)

Designed to apply the principles of the sports and recreation ministry to a real-world setting, this course will place the student in a professional setting to gain practical experience. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: SPAD 142 and KINE 280. Offered: Every semester.

KINE 331 - Personal and Community Health (4)

Study of the basic fundamentals of general health. Emphasis on such topical areas as personal fitness, nutrition, mental and emotional health, and community and environmental health. Prereq: KINE 141.

KINE 350 - Laboratory Techniques for Kinesiology (4)

This course is designed to be an introduction to the various instruments and techniques used in human performance and sports medicine labs. A practical approach will provide students the opportunity to learn techniques to assess health, fitness, and performance. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 351 - Coaching Principles and Administration (3)

Insight into important areas of coaching not associated with the techniques of coaching. Includes sports nutrition, sports psychology, sports administration, weight training, and developmental stages. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Fall.

KINE 366 - Disabilities Across the Lifespan (3)

The course provides an understanding in the identification of characteristics and prevalence of common congenital and acquired disabilities across the life span. It is designed to provide students with an in-depth view of the physiological, mental, cognitive, and sensory aspects of disability for individuals in society. It examines how disability is experienced at different stages of life, and how those experiences affect movement. Prereq: KINE 165. Offered: Every Term.

KINE 370 - Health Professions Internship (1 to 4)

Understanding and insight into the duties of a health care professional, in a clinical or medical setting. Must have a 3.00 overall GPA to take the course. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Every semester.

KINE 377 - Principles of Strength and Conditioning (3)

This course will explore the fundamental principles of resistance training strategies used to improve athletic performance. Students will learn how to administer muscular fitness assessments and use the findings to develop evidence-based strength training programs. Primary focus will be given to learning various resistance exercises used by athletes and how to perform them safely and effectively. Further study will consist of resistance exercise program design strategies to enhance muscular power, strength, and endurance. This course integrates classroom instruction and hands-on experience to facilitate learning of these fundamental principles. Prereq: KINE 141 or SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 390 - Leadership and Programming in Sports and Recreation (3)

Introduction to core aspects of sports and recreation program planning. Assessment, implementation, and evaluation of total programs and individual program activities will be investigated, discussed, and applied. The roles of leadership and management within various organizations will be examined as will leadership and management styles, theories, and decision-making processes. A personal approach to leadership and management will also be explored. Prereq: KINE 200. Offered: Fall.

KINE 397 - Special Topics in Kinesiology (1-4)

This course will cover topics in kinesiology that are not typically examined in depth in other course offerings. Students will learn about emerging topics and current research within the field of kinesiology. Topics vary with each instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 32 credits. Prereq: KINE 141 or SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 398 - Foundations of Scientific Inquiry (2)

Provides students with an overview of how to answer questions using the scientific process. Students will learn how to read, review and critique scientific literature, while learning the components of research design. Prereqs: KINE 141 or SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 399 - Global Study Topics in Kinesiology (1 to 4)

Special courses designed for and offered in locations away from the Samford Campus. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 15 credits. Requires approval from the instructor or Samford GLOBAL. Offered: As needed.

KINE 405 - Advanced Research Techniques in Exercise Science (1-4)

Externship designed to give the student in-depth practical experience in various areas of clinical and applied research techniques. Research techniques will be taught in an exercise-based research laboratory environment. At completion of externship, students will have gained practical knowledge and skills needed to function with competence in a laboratory-based research setting. Students will work with research personnel for 100 hours. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: KINE 141 and junior or senior status. Offered: Summer, as needed.

KINE 420 - Tests and Measurements (4)

Investigation of the basic concepts of measurement and evaluation as applied to the field of kinesiology. Prereqs: KINE 141; MATH 210 or equivalent. Offered: Fall and Summer I.

KINE 433 - Organization and Administration (3)

Practical study of organizational and administrative theories and principles in exercise, health, and sport-related professions. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered Fall.

KINE 465 - Inclusive Physical Activity (3)

This course explores the impact of limitations and restrictions of movement in the lives of people with disabilities, examining both barriers and facilitators to participation. It intends to offer students insight into current concepts and trends in inclusive physical activity, exercise, and sport as it relates to an individual's specific lifestyle. Students will gain an in-depth understanding of specific strategies to support various disability categories and interpret and differentiate inclusive strategies and modification for movement activities. Students will receive experience in an inclusive activity setting to apply knowledge and skills acquired from their classroom preparation to help individuals incorporate activity into their daily lives. Students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to pursue the ACSM (American College of Sports Medicine) Inclusive Fitness Specialist certificate and the Autism Exercise Specialist certificate. Prereq: KINE 165. Offered: Every Term.

KINE 467 - Exploring Medical Missions (2)

An introduction to medical missions aimed at understanding the need to provide medical care among the world's underserved communities, the roles and responsibilities of various healthcare providers, and how to serve Jesus Christ by providing spiritual and physical healthcare with an emphasis on global healthcare. The course will be aimed at understanding the social, emotional, and cultural needs of specific patient populations, and providing patient care, medicine, and spiritual guidance to the less fortunate. Students in any non-pharmacy degree program in the College of Health Sciences may enroll in this interprofessional course. Course is taught online. Cross-listed with CSDS 467. Offered: Spring.

KINE 472 - Problems and Practical Experiences in Kinesiology (1-6)

Concentrated study in the area of kinesiology, designed to meet the particular needs and interests of individual students. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: KINE 141.

KINE 473 - Exercise Physiology (4)

Study of the effects of exercise on the major systems of the human body, including cardiorespiratory, neuromuscular, glandular, and digestive. Includes examination of other effects influencing human exercise, such as climate, altitude, and ergogenic aids. Includes laboratory. Prereq: KINE 141.

KINE 474 - Theoretical and Applied Strength and Conditioning Training (4)

A study of the theoretical concepts and practical methods of designing training programs to enhance physical strength and conditioning in order to improve sport-specific performance. Primary focus will be given to training periodization and program design, performance testing, exercise technique, and athlete monitoring. This course integrates classroom instruction and laboratory experience to facilitate understanding of evidence-based practice in strength and conditioning. Prereq: KINE 141 or SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 476 - Anatomy and Kinesiology (4)

Analysis of the musculoskeletal anatomy of the human body. Emphasis on body movements and the action of muscles in human activity. Prereq: KINE 141.

KINE 477 - Sports Nutrition (4)

Introduction to the functions of nutrients, their availability in foods, and factors affecting their utilization. Emphasis on food and fluid planning for proper athletic performance and the selecting and planning of adequate diets for good health. Prereq: KINE 141, SPAD 142, or NUTR 210. For nutrition minors, NUTR 216 or NUTR 220.

KINE 478 - Psychology of Sport and Coaching (3)

This course provides an overview of essential psychological constructs and considerations involved in coaching and sports participation. Topics will include assessing the needs of athletes, coaching various populations, developing effective coach-athlete relationships, motivation techniques, and the psychological tools for enhancing sport performance. Prereqs: KINE 141; SPAD 142 or equivalent. Offered: As needed.

KINE 479 - Exercise Testing and Prescription (4)

Classroom and practical study of a variety of exercise testing techniques used to determine cardiorespiratory fitness, muscular fitness, body composition, flexibility, and blood pressure in healthy populations. Primary focus includes selection of appropriate tests, proper administration of tests, and accurate

interpretation of test results. Further study will include use of testing results to determine appropriate exercise prescriptions for improving health and fitness. Offered: Spring.

KINE 484 - Practicum in Strength and Conditioning (4)

This course provides students with field experience in a strength and conditioning facility and classroom preparation for strength and conditioning certification. Students will apply knowledge and skills acquired from previous classes to assist strength and conditioning professionals during day-to-day work responsibilities. In addition, students will review and take practice exams in preparation for the Certified Strength and Conditioning Certification (CSCS) exam. Prereqs: KINE 278, KINE 377, KINE 474, and KINE 477. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 487 - Recognition and Evaluation of Athletic Injuries (4)

Didactic and practical study of recognition and evaluation of selected common orthopedic injuries in athletes and the general population. Prereq: KINE 141. Offered: Fall and Spring.

KINE 488 - Disability, Health, and Physical Activity Capstone (3)

In the capstone course, students will develop a project focusing on a specific aspect of movement and disability. Projects may include educational materials, social media campaigns, community event plans, or other products able to be disseminated to an external audience. Students are encouraged to incorporate reflection on how faith-based values, such as compassion, justice, and service can inform and enhance their projects. The capstone course emphasizes independent research, critical thinking, and practical application of knowledge to real-world challenges. Prereqs: KINE 165, KINE 260, KINE 322, KINE 366, and KINE 465. Offered: Every Term.

KINE 490 - Exercise as Medicine (4)

Application of foundational exercise physiology coursework to understand the influence of exercise on aging and disease. Prereqs: KINE 141 and KINE 473. Offered: Fall.

KINE 498 - Research in Kinesiology I (2)

Students will design a research study based upon a gap in published literature, write an introduction and methodology appropriate for a peer-reviewed journal, and develop skills related to ethical treatment of human subjects. Culmination of the course is development of an IRB application and informed consent document. Prereqs: KINE 141 and KINE 398. Offered: Every semester.

KINE 499 - Research in Kinesiology II (2)

Students will design a research study based upon a gap in published literature, write an introduction and methodology appropriate for a peer-reviewed journal, and develop skills related to ethical treatment of human subjects. Culmination of the course is development of an IRB application and informed consent document. Prereqs: KINE 141 and KINE 398. Offered: Every semester.

Latin

LATN 101 - Elementary Latin I (4)

Introduction to the Latin language and culture, aimed at developing the ability to understand Latin through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Offered: Fall.

LATN 102 - Elementary Latin II (4)

Introduction to the Latin language and culture, aimed at developing the ability to understand Latin through speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Offered: Spring. Offered: Spring.

LATN 201 - Intermediate Latin I (4)

Thematic reading in Latin texts with an emphasis on reading comprehension, a systematic review of grammar, and an introduction to tools for philological research. Prereq: LATN 102, placement, or permission. Offered: Fall.

LATN 202 - Intermediate Latin II (4)

Thematic reading in Latin texts with an emphasis on reading comprehension, a systematic review of grammar, and an introduction to tools for philological research. Prereq: LATN 201, placement, or permission. Offered: Spring.

LATN 301 - Ovid (4)

Selected readings from the works of Ovid. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret Latin.

LATN 302 - Horace (4)

Selected readings from the works of Horace. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret Latin. Includes survey of the development of Roman Lyric Poetry.

LATN 303 - Cicero (4)

Selected readings from the works of Cicero. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret Latin.

LATN 304 - Vergil (4)

Selected readings from the works of Vergil. Through the careful study of these texts students further develop their ability to read, understand, and interpret Latin. Includes survey of the development of Latin epic literature.

LATN 451 - Directed Reading (1)

Directed reading in selected Latin texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

LATN 452 - Directed Reading (2)

Directed reading in selected Latin texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

LATN 453 - Directed Reading (3)

Directed reading in selected Latin texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

LATN 454 - Directed Reading (4)

Directed reading in selected Latin texts. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 16 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

Latin American Studies

LAST 201 - Introduction to Latin American Studies (4)

Interdisciplinary introduction to the literature, drama, religion, philosophy, and fine arts of Latin America. Taught in English. Offered: Fall.

LAST 380 - Latin American Studies Seminar (4)

Exploration of special topics on Latin American culture and civilization, using an interdisciplinary approach. This course may also be taken as PORT 380 or SPAN 380 and may be cross-listed as a special topics course in disciplines related to Latin American studies. SPAN 380 is taught in Spanish; LAST 380 is taught in English. Prereqs: PORT 202, SPAN 202, or SPAN 203, or the equivalent; and permission of program director. Offered: On rotation.

LAST 480 - Perspectives on Latin America (4)

Provides an analytical examination of the wide diversity present in Latin America, its place in the history of our planet, its contributions to our ever-changing world, and the profound implications of a growing immigration from this region to our nation. Prereq: LAST 201. Offered: Spring.

Management

MNGT 301 - International Management (3)

Study of current issues facing international businesses, incorporating an understanding of the economic, cultural, and legal structural differences among countries and regions. Includes discussion of the economic and political implications of international trade, foreign investment, and ethical issues faced by companies operating globally. Prereq: ECON 201. Offered: Summer.

MNGT 303 - Principles of Management (3)

Study of the individual-, group-, and organizational-level phenomena and processes that affect the functioning and outcomes of organizations in which we live and work. Key topics include diversity, perception and attribution, motivation, decision-making, teams and groups, leadership, communication, culture power and negotiation, organizational structure and design, and international dimensions of organizational behavior. Prereqs: Completion of pre-business curriculum. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

MNGT 305 - History of Management Thought (3)

Examination of the historical foundations of management thought, including the individuals who shaped the early development and study of management as a movement, vocation, and field of study. Connects early management thought and thinkers to current day management practices.

MNGT 310 - Business and Local Poverty (3)

Explores the tenets of poverty against the backdrop of experiential learning in Birmingham venues. The course examines the basic myths, beliefs, and facts regarding poverty in a modernistic worldview. Includes discussion through the lens of Christian perspective and social entrepreneurial understanding.

MNGT 342 - Operations Management (3)

Examination of the central core of operations activities in manufacturing, utilities, and consumer service organizations. Focus on topics such as product and process development, capacity planning, inventory control, production scheduling, and quality. Emphasis on integration of strategic long-term and analytical short-term decisions and integration of operation functions within a firm. Includes use of quantitative models, spreadsheet models, and computers to provide framework and support for the development of management decisions. Prereqs: ACCT 212, DATA 201, and ECON 201. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MNGT 400 - Managerial Values (3)

Study of ethical perspectives and values in management decision-making. Through cases, readings, and field experiences, students explore the nature of ethical dilemmas faced by managers in making decisions and in exercising their responsibilities to society, their respective stakeholders, and themselves. Emphasis on students becoming aware of their own value systems, taking accountability for their own professional development, and recognizing their personal and professional responsibilities as managers. Prereq: MNGT 303 and senior status. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MNGT 401 - Organizational Behavior Concepts (3)

Expansion of MNGT 303 (Principles of Management) by focusing on concepts behind individual, group, and organizational action. Emphasis on issues related to key phenomena such as perception and attribution, motivation, communication, and organizational culture. Prereq: MNGT 303 or PSYC 304. Offered: On rotation.

MNGT 404 - Human Resource Management (3)

Examination of the contributions made by human resource management (HRM) to organizational effectiveness. Focus on the history, current developments, and future trends in HRM while analyzing how HRM policies and practices can create a competitive advantage. Prereq: MNGT 303. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MNGT 405 - Leadership (3)

Examination of leadership and the influencing of others to accomplish something the leader deems important. Leadership theories, applications, and examples are reviewed, but the primary purpose is to experience leadership. As a present or future leader, much of one's effectiveness is measured by the ability to speak and write with clarity and conviction. A true leader learns to communicate well. This course allows the opportunity to practice communicating by leading a portion of a class session and making significant contributions. Prereq: MNGT 303. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MNGT 406 - Topics in Management (3)

Study of specific management topics of current interest, providing additional depth of knowledge in such areas as human resource management, operations management, and strategic management. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: MNGT 303. Offered: On rotation.

MNGT 407 - Project Management (3)

Offers an overview of generally accepted project management concepts to provide students with a foundation of project-related terms, processes, dynamics, and outcomes. Course topics will correspond with industry standards and prepare students for the projectized environments prevalent in today's complex, virtual, and global organizations. Prereq: MNGT 303. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MNGT 444 - Total Quality Management (TQM) (3)

Study of the pervading philosophy of Total Quality Management (TQM) and its implications for global competition on one scale and for organizational effectiveness on another. Basic tenets of TQM are addressed. General approaches of the quality gurus provide a framework for evaluating the industry-specific designs that are emerging. Includes exploration of the impact on organizational structure and behavior, and the study of specific TQM-related methodologies for continuous improvement and process reengineering. Prereq: MNGT 342. Offered: On rotation.

MNGT 481 - Business Strategy (3)

Capstone course for business majors, integrating knowledge acquired from earlier courses and experiential learning. Uses case studies to discuss issues facing top management and to propose action plans. Focus on global, strategic decision-making for large, medium, and small businesses in a variety of industries, with emphasis on the development of analytical, written, and oral communications skills. Must be taken in the last semester, unless otherwise specified. Prereqs: FINC 321, MNGT 303, MNGT 342, and MARK 311, as well as completion of all 300-level business or accounting courses, and senior status. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MNGT 482 - Business Simulation (1)

Laboratory course utilizing an enterprise simulation. Teams play the role of managers and engage in an experience that integrates all of the functional areas of business. Special emphasis given to application of the strategic management process. Prereq/Co-req: MNGT 481. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Marine Science

Courses are offered only at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab operated by the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium of which Samford University is an active member. A minimum of at least one year of biology (preferably more) is required before any upper-level course in marine science may be attempted. Admission into all courses is subject to ultimate approval by the instructor. Unless otherwise indicated, marine science courses (MARS) are offered during the Summer.

MARS 203 - Oceanographic Experience (1-3)

This course provides students with practical skills involved in oceanographic research. Skills may include hydrographic, hydroacoustic and organismic sampling, gear deployment and use of analytical instrumentation at sea. Students participate in one or more oceanographic cruises during a semester and carry out a defined project using research tools available on the ship. A final report on the project forms the major part of the course grade. Cruises are available only on an ad hoc basis so permission of instructor is required. Offered: Summer.

MARS 204 - Biology and Conservation of Marine Turtles (2)

This course offers an in-depth understanding of marine turtle biology and conservation, covering topics such as identification, distribution, nesting behavior, migratory behavior, feeding ecology, population biology, genetics, developmental habitats, temperature-dependent sex determination, paleontology, and conservation. Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of sea turtle biology, understand why some species have become endangered, and learn how proper management has helped some populations recover. The course concludes with an overnight field trip to southeastern United States nesting beaches and research facilities, allowing students to observe turtles in their natural habitats. Offered: Summer.

MARS 205 - Marine Biology (4)

A general survey of marine plants, invertebrates and vertebrates, the communities they form and the physical and chemical factors that influence them. Field trips include marsh, seagrass, and dune habitats. Sampling from research vessels and laboratory exercises will serve to introduce students to the diversity of marine habitats and organisms. Organisms will be identified using dichotomous keys. Offered: Summer.

MARS 340 - Coastal Zone Management (2)

This intensive, introductory course provides an overview of coastal zone management (CZM) in the United States, focusing on both the ecological features of coastal areas and the management policies that protect them. It will examine federal and state programs that guide coastal activities, and how various environmental processes in coastal regions influence management decisions. Students will gain an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that govern coastal zones and the complex interactions between human activities and the natural environment. Offered: Summer.

MARS 350 - Environmental Applications of GIS (2)

This course consists of learning applied mapping and analysis with GIS and will leverage other geospatial techniques including remote sensing, geovisualization, and spatial analysis with particular emphasis on environmental applications. Students will use knowledge acquired from readings, guided activities, and instructor demonstrations to apply GIS data including vector and raster spatial data, imagery, maps, and surface models in examinations of contemporary coastal and marine science issues. Students will be exposed to working with spatial information regarding human and natural hazards and disasters, land use and land cover, coastal monitoring, and other relevant data types. Some lecture is required, but this course will emphasize a "hands-on" approach to learning GIS through practical assignments and projects in a computer lab and in the field. Industry leading ArcGIS software will be used along with exposure to online and open-source technology. Offered: Summer.

MARS 351 - Coastal and Marine Geography: Modern Marine Science (4)

Overview of the world's oceans and the role they play in global geologic, climatologic, and biologic systems. The course investigates current ocean science and technologies, patterns of environmental change, and coastal dynamics. Cross-listed with GEOG 350. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MARS 371 - Shark and Ray Biology (2)

This intensive 2-week in-person course provides an in-depth study of the biology of sharks and rays, focusing on regional shark fauna and field techniques. Topics covered include the origin and systematics of chondrichthyans, sensory biology, locomotion, feeding, osmoregulation, reproductive biology, life history, ecology, and conservation. Students will learn about current research methods and field techniques, including longline and gillnet sampling and shark identification. Lectures will be supplemented with primary literature discussions and hands-on fieldwork to gain practical skills in studying these fascinating marine species. Offered: Summer.

MARS 403 - Marine Invertebrate Zoology (4)

This course surveys the morphology, natural history, and evolutionary relationships of marine invertebrates. The course includes lectures, laboratory exercises and extended field trips. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 406 - Coral Reef Ecology (4)

This course will explore the ecology and evolution of coral reef communities within a rapidly changing climate. This course covers energy flow across reefs, biogeochemical cycling important for continual reef development, microbial interactions that govern the flow of carbon and nitrogen through coral reefs, and current threats from climate change. Offered: Summer.

MARS 407 - Marine Behavioral Ecology (4)

The course examines how animal behavior is influenced by and interacts with its environment, and the ecological and evolutionary significance of these behaviors in a marine setting. Students will learn principles of behavioral ecology as they relate to marine animals, become familiar with techniques for observing animal behavior and conducting behavioral experiments, and be introduced to methods for collecting and analyzing behavioral data. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 411 - Marine Vertebrate Zoology (4)

A survey of marine fishes, reptiles, and mammals, with an in-depth comprehensive treatment of their systematics, zoogeography, and ecology. Field and laboratory work will stress the vertebrate fauna of the northern Gulf of Mexico and most of the course will be devoted to fishes. Students completing this course will have a basic understanding of the biology, ecology, physiology, and systematics of the various marine vertebrate taxa; gain experience in field and lab identification of members of the various vertebrate taxa; and gain experience in collecting various marine and island vertebrate taxa. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 412 - Marine Botany (4)

This survey course explores marine algae, salt marsh vegetation, mangroves, seagrasses, and maritime forest communities, with lectures on identification, distribution, structure, ecology, and physiology. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 421 - Marine Conservation Biology (4)

This advanced course in marine conservation biology will focus on understanding the threats to marine biodiversity and exploring potential solutions. Throughout the course, students will participate in class discussions, critically evaluate primary literature, and consider the perspectives of various stakeholders and entities involved in marine conservation issues. Students will analyze real-world case studies of marine conservation efforts and the effectiveness of various strategies aimed at preserving marine ecosystems and species. The course aims to foster a deeper understanding of marine conservation, preparing students to contribute to addressing challenges in the field. Offered: Summer.

MARS 426 - Coastal Birds of Alabama (2)

This course provides an in-depth exploration of the diverse birdlife found along the northern Gulf Coast, focusing on coastal avian ecology. Students will gain hands-on experience in field ornithology, with a primary emphasis on field identification using both sight and sound. The course will explore various coastal habitats, including barrier island nesting sites, the Mobile-Tensaw River basin, local marshes, and other unique coastal ecosystems. In addition to fieldwork, students will be introduced to ornithological research methods such as bird-banding, survey techniques, and monitoring strategies. Offered: Summer.

MARS 431 - Marine Aquaculture (2)

This course will introduce students to the principles and techniques used in live animal culture with an emphasis on marine aquaculture. Students will explore key concepts such as water chemistry, filtration, production techniques, reproduction, and nutrition, with a focus on applications that can be adapted to various species for research, display, or commercial purposes. The course will also foster the development of problem-solving and communication skills necessary for success in the field of aquaculture. By the end of the course, students will gain practical insights into the challenges and solutions within marine aquaculture, as well as hands-on experience with aquaculture practices. Offered: Summer.

MARS 434 - Coastal Fisheries Ecology (3)

Coastal ecosystems, including estuaries, salt marshes, mangroves, and seagrass beds, support a rich diversity of species and are critical in sustaining fisheries. These ecosystems serve as important nursery grounds for juvenile fish, contributing to the sustainability of marine food webs and commercial fisheries. This course will provide an in-depth exploration of the ecological functions of coastal ecosystems in supporting fisheries. We will explore the complex interactions within these systems and assess their ecological importance, with a strong emphasis on understanding how human activities impact coastal fisheries and how to manage them for sustainability. Offered: Summer.

MARS 435 - Coastal Wetlands Ecology (4)

This course will focus on coastal and nearshore wetland areas, with an emphasis on the biogeochemical processes that occur within, and issues that threaten and protect these important resources. Wetlands not only provide critical habitat for many aquatic and semi-aquatic species, but they are also important for primary productivity, transformation of nutrients, pollutant removal, as well as providing protection from storm surges and floodwaters. Insight into wetland ecology requires understanding of the unique interactions between biology, chemistry, and hydrology. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 436 - Marine Ecology (4)

The class will study marine organisms as they interact with each other and their environment and examine ecological theories and the experimental basis of our current knowledge. The laboratory will consist of field trips to a wide variety of marine habitats and field problems which will be examined by student teams in small groups. Habitats selected for emphasis include coral reefs, kelp forests, seagrass meadows, rocky intertidal and deep-sea hydrothermal vents. Prereq: BIOL 204. Offered: Summer.

MARS 439 - Directed Research (2)

Students enrolled in Directed Research must be accepted by a DISL faculty research supervisor. The project topic, duration, and credit must be arranged before registration. Students are expected to conduct their research over five weeks. Directed Studies can enhance research experience but are not intended to replace research credit related to a thesis project. Offered: Summer.

MARS 441 - Marine Mammals (4)

This five-week, in-person course offers a comprehensive introduction to the biology, behavior, and conservation of marine mammals. It covers the evolutionary history, taxonomy, anatomy, physiology, and behavior of marine mammals, including cetaceans, pinnipeds, mustelids, sirenians, and polar bears. The course also explores current conservation and management issues, as well as research methods used in the study of marine mammals. Students will gain both theoretical knowledge and practical insights into marine mammal biology and conservation. Offered: Summer.

MARS 442 - Marine Geology (4)

This course provides an in-depth study of the geology of ocean basins, with particular emphasis on the continental shelves, their sediments, and the sedimentary processes that shape them. Special focus will be placed on the northeast Gulf Coast, where students will explore the geological history, sedimentation processes, and coastal geology through both lectures and field trips. Students will gain hands-on experience in technical writing, conducting research, and working as a team. Emphasis will be placed on data management, critical thinking, and applying the principles of science, including hypothesis testing, in marine geology research. Offered: Summer.

MARS 444 - Biotic Response to Sea Level Change (2)

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to sea level change over geologic time, focusing on the biological and physical processes that drive sea level fluctuations, their effects on marine ecosystems, and the biological responses to these changes. Special emphasis will be placed on global climate change, tectonic influences, and how sea level changes have historically impacted marine and coastal environments. The course will also examine the potential impacts of future sea level rise on biodiversity, habitat loss, and human responses such as coastal management strategies. Offered: Summer.

MARS 445 - Climate Change in Marine Ecosystems (3)

This course explores the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems, focusing on how environmental factors such as temperature rise, nutrient changes, and ocean acidification are altering the ecology and stability of marine organisms. Students will examine the effects of climate change on diverse marine ecosystems, including coral reefs, deep-sea environments, the open ocean, Arctic, and coastal ecosystems. The course will also delve into the role of microbial communities in these ecosystems, their responses to climate change, and their critical importance in maintaining ecosystem stability. Additionally, we will discuss cutting-edge research tools used to study climate change in marine environments. Offered: Summer.

MARS 462 - Intro to Oceanography (4)

This hands-on introductory course will explore the fundamental aspects of oceanography, covering the physics, chemistry, geology, and biology of the ocean. Students will have the unique opportunity to apply their knowledge through practical, on-board sample collection during research cruises in Mobile Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Throughout the course, students will engage with current oceanographic discoveries and learn how to use user-friendly ocean data and visualization software to interpret and present real oceanographic data collected during these cruises. The data students will collect includes hydrographic (temperature, pH, salinity, inorganic nutrients, light intensity) and biological (phytoplankton, zooplankton) variables, which will be processed and visualized for clear and concise presentations. Offered: Summer.

MARS 473 - Hurricanes of The Gulf Coast (2)

This introductory survey course focuses on hurricanes, particularly those affecting the Gulf Coast, with an emphasis on their climatology, impacts, and forecasting. Over the span of five weeks, students will examine the history and frequency of hurricanes in the region, the environmental conditions that influence their development, and how they move and intensify. Additionally, the course will cover the effects of hurricanes on coastal and inland areas, particularly during landfall, and will explore the methods used in hurricane forecasting. Offered: Summer.

MARS 478 - Marine Mammal Health (2)

This course provides an overview of marine mammal health, focusing on stranding response, health assessments, and the common diseases affecting species such as bottlenose dolphins, manatees, and sea lions. Special emphasis will be placed on how marine mammals serve as sentinels for ocean health, with a specific focus on the impacts of oil spills, harmful algal blooms (HABs), and marine debris on these animals. Students will learn about the diagnostic

techniques used in marine mammal health assessments, the common diseases these animals face, and how environmental changes affect their well-being. Offered: Summer.

MARS 486 - Marine Restoration Ecology (2)

This five-week in-person course offers an introduction to the principles and practices of marine habitat restoration ecology. The course will cover the scientific foundations of marine restoration, with a focus on ecological concepts, restoration techniques, and the societal importance of restoring marine ecosystems. Students will learn about the design, implementation, and monitoring of marine restoration projects, including adaptive management strategies. The interdisciplinary nature of marine restoration, encompassing social, ethical, political, and economic factors, will also be discussed. Field trips to local restoration sites will provide hands-on experience in monitoring and evaluating habitat restoration efforts. Offered: Summer.

MARS 489 - Experimental Plankton (4)

This course offers an in-depth exploration of the diversity and biology of plankton in both coastal and open ocean environments. Students will experimentally manipulate planktonic organisms in field and laboratory settings, and become proficient in the identification and analysis of plankton populations. The course will focus on the full planktonic community-microbial, phytoplankton, and zooplankton-and will cover key ecological concepts such as the microbial loop, seasonal drivers of planktonic populations, and anthropogenic impacts like harmful algal blooms (HABs) and jellyfish explosions. Through fieldwork in Mobile Bay, Mississippi Sound, and Dauphin Island Area, students will gain hands-on experience with plankton sampling, identification, and research techniques. Offered: Summer.

MARS 499 - Dolphins and Whales (2)

This course offers an introduction to the biology of cetaceans, focusing on both toothed whales (odontocetes) and baleen whales (mysticetes). Students will explore the evolutionary history, taxonomy, anatomy, physiology, genetics, and behavior of cetaceans, while also examining conservation issues affecting these species. Lab exercises will highlight modern research methods used to study cetaceans, such as acoustic monitoring, genetic analysis, and behavioral observation. This course will provide a foundational understanding of cetacean biology and the challenges these magnificent creatures face in the modern world. Offered: Summer.

Marketing

MARK 301 - Sports Marketing (3)

Introduction to sports marketing and management with emphasis on activities designed to meet the needs and wants of sports consumers through exchange processes. The course examines sports marketing theory and practice. No prereq. Offered: Fall and Summer.

MARK 311 - Principles of Marketing (3)

Study of business activities planned and implemented to facilitate the exchange of goods and services in a contemporary marketing environment. Examines the product, price, promotion, and channel decisions faced by domestic and international business firms. Prereqs: ACCT 211, BUSA 100, DATA 201, and ECON 201. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

MARK 402 - Retail Marketing (3)

Study of the field of retailing presenting the requirements for successful retail store management, careers in retailing, structures of the retail organization, retail personnel management, buying and pricing of merchandise, customer services, and retail store control. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MARK 405 - Social Media Marketing (3)

On-line commerce, social media, and mobile technologies all have had profound impacts on business. This course examines how entrepreneurs or marketing professionals can employ these tools to launch or grow their businesses. Important topics will include concepts and theories related to e-commerce, search engine optimization, and growing a brand through social media. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Summer, on rotation.

MARK 414 - Market Research (3)

This course provides practical, hands-on education and exposure to market research. Emphasis is placed on gaining a fundamental understanding of both qualitative and quantitative research, including the application of different research techniques and methods of analysis. Students will engage in a marketing research simulation to apply their knowledge and practice the skills they learn. Additionally, students will apply their knowledge and skills via a comprehensive, group-based market research project in which a research study is designed; data is gathered, analyzed, and interpreted; results are reported; and recommendations are presented. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Every semester.

MARK 415 - Integrated Marketing Communications (3)

This is an advanced course designed to give students a strong theoretical background in advertising management issues, along with a practical understanding of how the elements in a marketing communications plan can help marketers achieve their objectives. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall.

MARK 416 - Consumer Behavior (3)

Examination of concepts, principles, and theories from social sciences to the study of the factors that influence the acquisition, consumption, and disposition of products, services, and ideas. Knowledge of consumer behavior principles is important for a variety of reasons: (1) to develop products that fulfill the needs and wants of consumers, (2) to make good decisions by understanding how consumers are likely to respond to the actions of the firm, and (3) to understand our own buying patterns as consumers. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Spring.

MARK 417 - Topics in Marketing (3)

Study of specific marketing topics of current interest, providing additional depth of knowledge in such areas as consumer behavior, marketing communication, marketing research, services marketing, retail management, sports marketing, and sales force management. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: On rotation.

MARK 418 - Professional Selling (3)

Examination of one of the most important aspects of an organization's marketing effort: the professional selling process. Students will learn how to be a successful salesperson. Time will be spent on understanding and demonstrating the professional selling process as well as communication skills essential for success today. Ethical issues in today's business and cultural environment and an understanding of the steps to begin a sales career will also be discussed. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall.

MARK 419 - Services Marketing (3)

In-depth exploration of services marketing. Highlights distinctions and identifies unique problems in marketing intangible products and services, and explores strategies and other measures designed to increase effectiveness. Services marketing poses special challenges for managers due to the differences between goods and services, and service organizations require a distinct approach to marketing strategy. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall.

MARK 420 - Sales Leadership (3)

Examines sales leadership from both an institutional and a motivational perspective. Course goal is to examine the elements of operating an effective sales force as the key component to organizational success. Course will focus on ways to achieve organizational goals and have a positive influence on shareholder return. Objectives include relationship management as a key account control, sales force structure, the use of technology to improve sales force effectiveness, and soft skills such as recruiting, developing, retaining, organizing, and motivating talent. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Spring.

MARK 421 - Cross Cultural Marketing (3)

This course provides exposure to and hands-on experience with today's most prevalent and impactful business and marketing analytics methods and models. Students will learn to use data to solve business/marketing problems—especially as they relate to understanding customers, segmentation and targeting, lifetime value, customer relationship management, and optimization of marketing actions and tactics, such as pricing or resource allocation. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MARK 422 - Customer Journey and Content Marketing (3)

Examination and application of strategies for developing, managing, and strengthening customer relationships. From lead generation to mature relationships, students learn techniques for building customer relationships and enhancing loyalty. Particular emphasis is given to understanding the customer journey and using content to enhance the development of business-consumer relationships. The course makes extensive use of sales technologies, providing students with hands-on experience with customer relationship management and content marketing tools. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Spring.

MARK 423 - Marketing Analytics (3)

This course provides exposure to and hands-on experience with today's most prevalent and impactful business and marketing analytics methods and models. Students will learn to use data to solve business/marketing problems—especially as they relate to understanding customers, segmentation and targeting, lifetime value, customer relationship management, and optimization of marketing actions and tactics, such as pricing or resource allocation. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MARK 431 - Advanced Sports Business and Analytics (3)

In-depth study of advanced marketing issues pertaining to sports marketing strategy. Includes the affinity transfer model, the antecedents and consequences of fan identification, fan engagement strategy, and the model of consumer-focused sponsorship-linked marketing communications. It covers every important conceptual and functional area of sponsorship-linked marketing, including: (1) understanding the technology-led transformation of sponsoring, (2) learning about audiences, strategies, and objectives, (3) leveraging and activation in traditional and social media, (4) building sponsorship portfolios and rosters, (5) managing and ending relationships, and (6) understanding public policy and legal issues. Prereqs: MARK 301 and MARK 311, and admission into the sports marketing concentration. Offered: May Term.

MARK 450 - Marketing Strategy (3)

This course focuses on strategic business endeavors that attract and manage customers while seeking to capitalize on business growth. Specific marketing management strategies and competitive endeavors will be covered, and intentional focus will be given to how business strategies can lead to customer acquisition and sustained competitive advantage in the marketplace. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Summer.

MARK 460 - Digital Marketing Strategy and Analytics (3)

This course will take students through navigating the digital landscape and how to utilize data to guide this journey. Students will develop an understanding of what marketing channels contribute to a cohesive online presence, exploring areas such as organic and paid search, social media, and email marketing. Students will learn to identify key performance indicators to assess the performance of each channel as well as how to leverage these insights to shape future strategy. With a primary focus on Google Analytics data and other online data tools, students will gain an overarching view of how each channel in their marketing mix is performing and how to shape future strategy accordingly. Prereq: MARK 311. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MARK 491 - Business Internship: Marketing (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of marketing and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: MARK 311; permission from Office of Internship, School of Business, and marketing faculty. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

MARK 492 - Business Internship: Professional Sales (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of professional sales and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: MARK 418; permission from the director of professional success in the Brock School of Business, and professional sales faculty. Offered: Every semester.

MARK 493 - Business Internship: Sports Marketing (3)

Individualized, experiential learning program structured through a variety of business organizations. This course is project-oriented, merging theory learned in the classroom with the workplace environment. Includes seminars, presentations, and career counseling in conjunction with on-site learning at the business organization. Exposes students to the world of sports marketing and the career planning process. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: MARK 301 and MARK 311; permission from the director of professional success in the Brock School of Business, and sports marketing faculty. Offered: Every semester.

Mathematics

MATH 107 - Mathematics for Elementary Teachers (4)

Designed to strengthen understanding of the mathematics that prospective teachers will teach. Includes review of natural numbers, whole numbers, integers, rational numbers, real numbers, and their properties; the variety of representations of different operations; algebraic reasoning and representation; measurements of area, perimeter, surface area, and volume; and geometry concepts including transformations, constructions, and similarities. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MATH 110 - Contemporary Mathematics (4)

Development of problem-solving skills obtained by studying a wide range of contemporary applications of mathematics. Connections between contemporary mathematics and modern society are stressed. Prereq: Suitable score on placement exam. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer 1.

MATH 130 - Introduction to Applied Mathematics (4)

Introduction to mathematics frequently used in scientific fields of study, with a focus on algebraic and computational fluency. Equips students to apply algebraic, computational, graphical, and quantitative skills to solve real-world problems arising in quantitative disciplines, including problems often encountered in introductory science courses. Topics include linear, quadratic, exponential, power, logarithmic, polynomial, and inverse functions and their graphs; measurement, unit conversions, scientific notation, significant digits, ratios, proportions, direct variation, indirect variation, and joint variation. Real-world applications are stressed and interwoven throughout the course. Satisfies the General Education mathematics requirement. Offered: Every term.

MATH 150 - Precalculus (4)

Introduction to a combination of standard topics from college algebra and trigonometry. Includes examples of modern mathematical modeling, ideas, and applications, plus the skills and knowledge needed for subsequent mathematics courses and/or real-world applications. Covers linear, quadratic, exponential, power, logarithmic, polynomial, inverse, and trigonometric functions. Graphing calculator required; consult department for recommended model. Prereq: Suitable score on placement exam. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer 1.

MATH 205 - Introduction to Data Science (4)

Provides a hands-on introduction to the basic statistical concepts, computational thinking, and computing skills most often used in applications of data science. Students are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to manipulate real-world data, think critically about data sets and their implications, and carry out data analyses in different fields such as social science, business analytics, health science, and humanities. Topics covered include an introduction to the software program R, data visualization, data wrangling, basics of probability and statistical inference, linear regression, prediction, cross-validation, classification, and machine learning. Satisfies the General Education Mathematics requirement. Offered: Every term.

MATH 210 - Elementary Statistics (4)

Introduction to algebra-based statistics. Includes review of descriptive and inferential statistics with probability decision-making skills necessary for today's complex civilization. Covers frequency, probability, binomial, normal, chi-square and sampling distributions, estimation, hypothesis testing for one and two populations, linear correlation and regression, and analysis of variance. Some class assignments completed using a statistical computing software package. Graphing calculator required; consult department for recommended model. Prereqs: Suitable score on placement exam. Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer 1, possibly Summer 2.

MATH 214 - Math I: Geometry, Measurement and Data Analysis for Elementary Teachers (3)

This course examines the K-6 mathematics content outlined in the Alabama Course of Study (ALCOS), with an emphasis on both content knowledge and pedagogical approaches. Topics include fundamental geometric concepts such as shapes, their attributes, and spatial reasoning; measurement principles, including length, area, volume, and time; and foundational skills in data collection, representation, and interpretation. Students will explore effective instructional strategies, hands-on activities, and real-world applications to support student learning. Additionally, the course emphasizes methods for fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and connections between geometry, measurement, and data analysis in the elementary classroom. Offered: Fall.

MATH 215 - Applied Probability Theory (4)

An introductory course in probability covering the basic concepts and applications in a variety of scenarios. Students will learn both theory and computational tools necessary to understand the randomness and uncertainty that arise in various fields such as data science, machine learning, social science, health science, engineering, economics, and finance. Topics include basic probability concepts, combinatorics, conditional probability, independence, discrete random variables, continuous distributions, joint distributions, covariance, correlation, conditional expectation, moment-generating functions, Markov and Chebyshev inequalities, the law of large numbers, and central limit theorem. The course focuses on data-based applications and involves computations in the software program R, utilizing real data sets. This course aims to provide a strong foundation for future study of statistical inference and modeling, machine learning, computer science, econometrics, and other subjects where probability is needed. Satisfies the General Education Mathematics requirement. Offered: Every term.

MATH 216 - Math II: Operations with Numbers and Fractions for Elementary Teachers (3)

This course focuses on the 3rd-6th grade mathematics content outlined in the Alabama Course of Study (ALCOS), emphasizing both content knowledge and effective pedagogical strategies. Key topics include deepening understanding of the Base Ten number system, multi-digit operations, and the conceptual and procedural foundations of fractions. Students will explore strategies for teaching addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division with whole numbers and decimals, as well as representing, comparing, and performing operations with fractions. The course integrates hands-on activities, discussion of instructional best practices, and methods for assessing student understanding to prepare educators for teaching these essential mathematical concepts effectively. Offered: Spring.

MATH 240 - Calculus I (4)

Introductory study of calculus, beginning with a review of precalculus functions with an emphasis on graphical, numerical, and modeling applications. Topics include limits, continuity, derivatives and their interpretations, tangent line approximations, the definite integral as a limit of Riemann sums, applications of the definite integral to area and average value, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, rules of derivatives, formulas for derivatives of precalculus functions, implicit functions, economics applications, optimization and modeling, and Newton's method. Some class assignments/projects completed using the computer algebra system, Mathematica. Graphing calculator required; consult department for recommended model. Prereqs: MATH 150 or suitable score on placement exam. Offered: Fall, Spring, and possibly Summer. **Note for University Fellows:** Satisfies the mathematics requirement for the Fellows Core Curriculum. However, some majors may require additional math courses.

MATH 260 - Calculus II (4)

Sequel to MATH 240 (Calculus I). Topics include antiderivatives, integration by substitution, integration by parts, approximation of definite integrals, improper integrals, setting up of Riemann sums in applications, applications of definite integrals to geometry, physics, and economics, probability distributions, simple first order differential equations, slope fields, Euler's method, separation of variables, growth and decay, systems of differential equations, applications of second order equations to oscillations, Taylor approximations, and Taylor series. Some class assignments/projects completed using the computer algebra system, Mathematica. Graphing calculator required; consult department for recommended model. Prereq: Grade of C or better in MATH 240. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MATH 270 - Calculus III (4)

Sequel to MATH 260 (Calculus II). Topics include functions of two and three variables, graphs of surfaces, contour plots, vectors, dot products, cross products, partial derivatives, local linearity, differentials, directional derivatives, gradients, chain rule, partial differential equations, constrained and unconstrained optimization, multivariable integration, iterated integrals, numerical integration by the Monte Carlo method, change of variables in multivariable integrals, parameterized curves, and surfaces. Some class assignments/projects completed using the computer algebra system, Mathematica. Graphing calculator required; consult department for recommended model. Prereq: Grade of C or better in MATH 260. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MATH 280 - Introduction to Advanced Mathematics (4)

Transition from calculus sequence to upper-level math. Primary objective is learning how to read, understand, and write proofs; hence, logic and proof techniques and strategies are heavily discussed. Secondary objective is learning certain basic math concepts needed for upper-level math courses, including set theory, functions, and relations. Other topics may include infinite sets, the set of integers, the set of real numbers, discrete math, and basic number theory. Prereq/Co-req: MATH 270. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MATH 305 - Statistical Modeling (4)

This course builds on students' knowledge of statistics by introducing modern statistical modeling techniques vital for understanding large and complex data sets that arise in multiple fields. Students will advance their knowledge in fitting statistical models to data to unearth information, determine significant factors, and make accurate predictions. Students will learn how to develop tools for real-life applications in social, natural, and health sciences; humanities; business analytics; and other STEM fields. Additionally, students will work with the R programming language to perform analyses and generate reproducible reports. This course includes many opportunities for formal and informal collaborations with classmates. Topics include multiple linear regression, generalized linear models, resampling methods, nonlinear regression, smoothing, and tree-based methods. Prereqs: Grade of C or better in MATH 205, MATH 210, or DATA 401. Offered: Spring.

MATH 320 - Numerical Analysis (4)

Study of fine differences, interpolations, differentiation, and integration, Lagrangian formulas, solutions of equations, systems of equations initial-value problems for ordinary differential equations, curve fitting, and approximation theory. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200.

MATH 330 - Differential Equations (4)

Study of ordinary differential equations. Methods of solutions to differential equations are presented and applied in detail. Topics include the general solution to a linear differential equation, linear homogeneous and nonhomogeneous differential equations of higher order with constant coefficients, Laplace transforms, infinite series methods, Legendre Polynomials, Bessel Functions, and linear systems of differential equations. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200. Offered: Spring.

MATH 340 - Linear Algebra (4)

Study of fields, systems of linear equations, matrices, vector spaces, subspaces, bases and dimension, linear transformations, isomorphism, representation of transformations by matrices, linear functionals, determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, invariant subspaces, inner product spaces, stochastic matrices, matrix exponentials, and numerical methods. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200. Offered: Fall.

MATH 350 - Vector Calculus (4)

Study of vector algebra in two and three dimensions, equations of lines in space, scalar products, orientation, vector products, triple scalar products, vector identities, tensors, vector valued functions, velocity, tangent vectors, acceleration, vector fields, gradients, divergence, curl, the Laplacian, line integrals, potentials, conservative fields, irrotational fields, surface integrals, volume integrals, divergence theorem, Green's formula, and Stoke's theorem. Applications to electrostatics, force fields, potential theory, fluid flow, heat flow, gravitation, and wave equations. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200; PHYS 203 and PHYS 204.

MATH 360 - Complex Variables (4)

Study of functions of a complex variable. Topics include analytic and harmonic functions, transformation and mapping, complex integration, power series, residues and poles, conformal mapping, and additional theory of functions. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200.

MATH 370 - Mathematical Statistics (4)

Introduction to calculus-based probability theory and statistical inference. Topics include probability measures, independence and conditional probability, discrete random variables, continuous random variables, distribution functions, expectations, multivariate distributions, correlations, binomial, Poisson, gamma, chi-square, normal distributions, sampling distributions, order statistics, moment-generating functions, functions of random variables, convergence of distributions, central limit theorem, point estimators, maximum likelihood, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, sufficient statistics, Bayesian estimation, likelihood ratio tests, analysis of variance, linear regression, and nonparametric statistics. Prereq: MATH 270. Strongly recommended prereq: MATH 280 and/or COSC 200.

MATH 405 - Data Science Practicum (4)

Designed to bridge the gap between data science skills learned in the classroom and real-world applications, this course will engage students in authentic data science projects arising from client sponsors. Students will work collaboratively to meet the client's needs through data collection, cleaning, exploration, modeling, and interpretation. Throughout the project, the emphasis is on practical problem-solving skills, communication, and collaboration as students experience the challenges and rewards of a data science project from inception to conclusion. Prereq: MATH 305. Offered: Spring.

MATH 410 - Number Theory (4)

Introduction to the theory of numbers. Topics include divisibility, factorization, prime numbers, congruencies, arithmetic functions, quadratic residues, and Diophantine equations. Additional topics may include primitive roots, continued fractions, cryptography, Fibonacci numbers, and numerical techniques. Prereq: MATH 280.

MATH 420 - College Geometry (4)

Axiomatic, proof-oriented treatment of different geometries, including synthetic, metric, absolute, and Euclidean geometries. Other topics may include finite geometries, fractals, constructions, and specific non-Euclidean geometries. Prereq: MATH 280.

MATH 430 - Abstract Algebra (4)

Introduction to abstract algebra, groups, rings, and fields. Topics include binary operations, groups, subgroups, cyclic groups, groups of permutations, cosets, finitely generated groups, homeomorphisms, isomorphisms, factor groups, rings, fields, and integral domains. Additional topics may include fields of quotients, rings of polynomials, factor rings, ideals, unique factorization domains, and the Sylow Theorems. Prereqs: MATH 340 or MATH 410.

MATH 440 - Introductory Real Analysis (4)

Proof-oriented introduction to topics in mathematical analysis. Topics include field axioms of real numbers, completeness axiom, set theory, relations and functions, infinite sets, countable sets, open and closed sets, closure, limit points, Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, limits and partial limits of sequences, monotone sequences, Cauchy sequences, limits of functions, continuity, extreme value theorem, intermediate value theorem, uniform continuity, differentiation, chain rule, mean value theorem, L'Hopital's rule, convergent series, tests for convergence of series, rearrangement of series, Riemann sums, Riemann integrability, Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, change of variables, sequences of functions, uniform convergence, and power series. Prereq: MATH 280.

MATH 450 - General Topology (4)

Survey of the fundamental concepts of general topology which depend upon the elementary properties of sets and functions. Includes topological spaces, subspaces, continuity, homeomorphisms, product spaces, connectedness, compactness, separation properties, and metric spaces. Prereq: MATH 280.

MATH 480 - Topics in Mathematics (1-4)

Independent study arranged between a student (or students) and a faculty member. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: At least one upper-level mathematics course.

MATH 485 - Senior Seminar (2)

Seminar with two components: (1) Topic selected by instructor and presented in the "Moore" style (i.e., a list of results is distributed to students and students are responsible for presenting results in class.) (2) During the semester, students select a topic of research for the sequel course, MATH 495. They give brief presentations in class and turn in a written proposal for the project to be approved by all mathematics department faculty. In the time between the two courses, students begin to implement the proposal. Prereq: At least one 400-level MATH course.

MATH 495 - Senior Project (2)

Students complete the project proposed in MATH 485. Instructor sets deadlines for rough drafts and students present fragments of the work periodically, with continual instructor feedback. Final outcome is a written project and a presentation that is reviewed by all department faculty. Students are required to take the major field test (MFT) in mathematics at the conclusion of the course. Prereq: MATH 485.

MATH 498 - Internship (1 to 4)

A variable-credit work or research internship experience offering students the opportunity to apply their mathematics, statistics, or data science skills in a professional setting. Credits (1-4) vary according to the number of hours worked at the internship host site. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

Prereq: Department chair approval. Offered: As needed.

MATH 499 - Research (1 to 4)

Under the mentorship of a department faculty member, students conduct independent research on a project related to mathematics, statistics, or data science.

Credits (1-4) vary according to the number of hours worked each week. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Department chair approval.

Offered: As needed.

Micah Fellows

MICA 101 - Readings in Justice I (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering classical and contemporary conceptions of justice. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Acceptance into the Micah Fellows program. Offered: Fall.

MICA 102 - Readings in Justice II (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering conceptions of justice from the Enlightenment through modernity. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Acceptance into the Micah Fellows program; MICA 101. Offered: Spring.

MICA 201 - Readings in Mercy I (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering conceptions of mercy. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Acceptance into the Micah Fellows program; MICA 102. Offered: Fall.

MICA 202 - Readings in Mercy II (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering conceptions of mercy. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Acceptance into the Micah Fellows program; MICA 201. Offered: Spring.

MICA 301 - Readings in Humility I (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering conceptions of humility. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Acceptance into the Micah Fellows program; MICA 202. Offered: Fall.

MICA 302 - Readings in Humility II (0)

Interdisciplinary readings and discussion of texts covering conceptions of humility. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: MICA 301. Offered: Spring.

MICA 350 - Micah Fellows Service Internship (0-2)

Students gain practical experience while working in a nonprofit venue. Opportunities include any discipline to help support a student's career objectives.

May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Offered: Every semester.

MICA 401 - Senior Capstone I (0)

The Capstone Project provides an opportunity for students to engage in high-level inquiry focusing on an area of interest and specialization within the nonprofit service industry within Birmingham. The Capstone Project will be inquiry and practice centered. It will ask students to draw upon the Micah Fellows Program's emphases on ethical service, understanding the cycle of poverty, the effect of public policy on people affected by poverty or disability, and, ultimately, how a biblical understanding of justice, mercy, and humility can serve as a balm to the afflicted. The aim of this course is to facilitate the development of the students' Capstone Project. The project will be fully implemented during the following spring semester through MICA 402. Offered: Fall.

MICA 402 - Senior Capstone II (0)

The Capstone Project provides an opportunity for students to engage in high-level inquiry focusing on an area of interest and specialization within the nonprofit service industry within Birmingham. The Capstone Project will be inquiry and practice centered. It will ask students to draw upon the Micah Fellows Program's emphases on ethical service, understanding the cycle of poverty, the effect of public policy on people affected by poverty or disability, and, ultimately, how a biblical understanding of justice, mercy, and humility can serve as a balm to the afflicted. The aim of this course is to facilitate the development and completion of the students' Capstone Project from MICA 401. Prereq: MICA 401. Offered: Spring.

Music - Commercial Music

COMU 1600 - Purpose and Development (1)

This course prepares commercial music students to bridge the gap between education and career by fostering a sense of purpose and defining clear career goals. Through project-based learning, students will assess their current skills and experiences in relation to their vocational aspirations. They will develop an actionable plan outlining actionable steps toward marketplace readiness, including client acquisition, portfolio creation, and networking strategies to secure internships or job opportunities. Offered: Spring. (Formerly MUSC 1600)

COMU 1810 - Introduction to Music Industry (3)

Introduces students to financially viable career possibilities in the commercial music industry. Includes a broad review of topics such as copyright law, licensing, publishing, recording, product distribution, royalty collection and dissemination, deal structures, and the impact of rapidly changing technologies and media on the commercial music industry culture. Offered: Fall.

COMU 1820 - Music Industry Revenue Streams (3)

A combination of theory and practice. Students examine historical and contemporary models of financial profit in commercial music while simultaneously analyzing, evaluating, and creating real-world revenue streams. Emphasis is placed on entrepreneurship and networking, including the acquisition, exploitation, administration, and protection of songs in the contemporary music publishing business. Prereq: COMU 1810. Offered: Spring.

COMU 1970 - Special Topics in Commercial Music (3)

Unique, one-time course examining a particular topic in commercial music. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits if the topics are different.

Permission of instructor is required. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COMU 2500 - Introduction to Music Technology (3)

This course introduces the fundamentals of music technology geared to the needs of today's professional musician. Music and technology have always had a symbiotic relationship, and musicians must be equipped to engage with technology as new methodologies continue to emerge. Hands-on experience in notating, creating, recording, editing, curating, and amplifying music will provide an introduction to music technology, thereby equipping students to make informed decisions about present and future technologies. Offered: Every semester.

COMU 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3)

This course explores the acoustical, musical, and technical aspects of live performance, in order to learn how to present the best possible sound to the audience. Students will study, evaluate, and compare several different live recordings in order to establish a point of reference for their own mix choices. The

course emphasizes instrument sounds, microphones, amplifiers, audio consoles, routing, equalization, dynamics processing, and maintenance. Cross-listed with WRLD 2501. Prereq: COMU 2500. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

COMU 2502 - Live Sound Technology and Production II (3)

This course continues and further develops the exploration of the acoustical, musical, and technical aspects of the live performance, in order to learn how to present the best possible sound to the audience. Course material covers digital signal processing (DSP), systems networking, and multimedia component integration as well as all three levels of training and certification in the Dante networking system. Cross-listed with WRLD 2502. Prereq: COMU 2501. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

COMU 2830 - Recording Techniques I (3)

Foundational course in technology for commercial music production. Introduces students to Pro Tools and Ableton Live. Addresses topics such as signal flow of MIDI and audio flow within the DAW environment, sound processing plugins, recording gear, software synthesizers, quantizing and refining rhythmic grooves, and utilizing hybrid production techniques. Prereq: COMU 2500. Offered: Fall.

COMU 2835 - Recording Techniques II (3)

Advanced course in recording technology with concentrated study and practice in recording, editing, mixing, and mastering. Topics include understanding and selecting appropriate hardware and/or software designs in EQ, compression, and reverb, practical microphone placement, and appropriate application of advanced mixing techniques. Emphasis is placed on audio perception skills for recording engineers. Prereq: COMU 2830. Offered: Spring.

COMU 2850 - Songwriting (3)

Foundational course for writing compelling and commercially viable songs. Creative process includes analyzing melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic structures prevalent in current market trends, learning best practices in melodic and lyrical writing, reviewing the history of popular song structures, and learning basic arrangement techniques to flesh out song demos that command an audience. Prereq: MUSC 1500. Offered: Fall.

COMU 3470 - Commercial Music Capstone (3)

This course offers a capstone experience for the commercial music program. Through this, students will complete either an internship within the scope of commercial music, or a senior project that explores career interests in commercial music, while applying the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. The end product will contribute to the student's portfolio of work and serve as an on-ramp to their post-graduation goals. It will serve as real-world practice and networking in the midst of finishing out an undergraduate degree. Prereq: Permission of the instructor and department chair. All academic internships and/or projects must be approved by the COMU Program Director in advance. Offered: Every semester.

COMU 3860 - Music Production (2)

Addresses the four main areas of music production: songwriting, arranging, audio engineering, and administration. Students will learn how to arrange and write rhythm charts for session players, deepen their understanding of a DAW, improve personal communication with artists and bands, and simulate the development of a commercial music artist or ensemble fit for public consumption. Prereqs: MUSC 1510, MUSC 1511, and COMU 2830. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

COMU 3865 - Live Performance and Touring (2)

Examines the business of public performance, including creating a brand for consumers and maximizing live performance techniques. Prereq: COMU 1820. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 0080 - Commercial Music Seminar (0)

Student and faculty forum providing a learning environment dedicated to discussing and applying artistic, technological, and entrepreneurial principles and skills within the commercial music context. May be taken a maximum of six times. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Music - Composition

MUSA 2160 - Composition (1)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Sophomore-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 2260 - Composition (2)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Sophomore-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 2360 - Composition (3)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Sophomore-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3160 - Composition (1)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Junior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3260 - Composition (2)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Junior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3360 - Composition (3)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Junior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 4160 - Composition (1)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Senior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 4260 - Composition (2)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Senior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 4360 - Composition (3)

Students acquire compositional skills through applied lessons, practice, and performance. Senior-level course. May be repeated for credit. Prereq: MUSC 1560. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1560 - Introduction to Composition (2)

Exploration of basic methods of music composition and study of fundamental compositional devices through a series of listening assignments and composition projects in both traditional and contemporary styles. Students will also learn and develop artistic sensitivity through non-musical elements including silence, emotion, text, and image. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 4560 - Independent Composition Project (1)

This course is an upper-level music elective for music majors who wish to undertake and complete a substantial project in addition to the required composition recital. The successful project shall be conceived as a capstone of the composer's undergraduate education. Prereqs: COMU 2500, at least 8 credits of applied composition study at Samford University, and permission of instructor. Co-req: Minimum 2 credits of private composition study with same instructor. Offered: Every semester, as needed.

MUSC 4599 - Senior Composition Recital (0)

Certification of satisfactory completion of senior composition recital for composition majors. Registration for this requirement should be done the same semester the recital will be given.

Music - Conducting

MUSC 1200 - Basic Conducting (2)

Study of the rudimentary mechanical and expressive aspects of conducting gesture, with emphasis upon development of students' individual skills. Prereq: Music major.

MUSC 3220 - Choral Conducting (2)

Builds upon concepts covered in MUSC 1200, with particular emphasis upon conducting choral groups. Prereqs: MUSC 1200 and MUSC 2649. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3230 - Instrumental Conducting (2)

Builds upon concepts covered in MUSC 1200, with particular emphasis upon conducting instrumental groups. Prereqs: MUSC 1200 and MUSC 2649. Offered: Fall.

Music - Music and Worship

MUSC 3151 - Service Playing I (1)

Study of organ structure, registration, and repertoire; hymn playing; ornamentation; anthem accompaniment; conducting from the console. This course is required of all church music keyboard majors. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3152 - Service Playing II (1)

Study of organ structure, registration, and repertoire; hymn playing; ornamentation; anthem accompaniment; conducting from the console. This course is required of all church music keyboard majors. Offered: Spring.

Music - Music Education

MUSC 1310 - Foundations of Music Education (2)

This course introduces the historical, philosophical, and social foundations of music education and offers students an overview of the teaching profession. Students will participate in Socratic seminar, observe in music classrooms, and learn the requirements of the Samford music education curriculum and the process of becoming a licensed music teacher in the region. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 2331 - Marching Band Techniques (1)

This course covers the pedagogy, administration procedures, and materials of the high school marching band as part of the overall instrumental music program. Through practical assignments and multimedia presentations, students will gain a better understanding of the terminology, pedagogy, and infrastructure of marching band. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3310 - Materials and Methods of Teaching Music in the Elementary Grades (3)

Introduction to Orff, Kodaly, and other teaching methodologies appropriate for teaching music in the elementary grades. Course content includes observation in actual classroom settings. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3311 - Vocal Techniques (1)

This course is designed for students to build vocal skills, understand the basic function of the voice, and supply the student with confidence to use their voice in anticipation of teaching vocal music in a K-12 environment. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MUSC 3320 - Materials and Methods of Choral Music in the Secondary Grades (3)

Survey of methodologies, materials, and processes used in teaching choral music in the secondary grades. Emphasis is placed upon vocal development and choral techniques. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3330 - Materials and Methods of Teaching Instrumental Music in the Secondary Grades (3)

Survey of methodologies, materials, and processes used in teaching instrumental music in the secondary grades. Emphasis is placed upon instrumental techniques and the development of instrumental programs. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3331 - Instrumental Techniques I (1)

Overview of techniques used to perform and teach the playing of woodwind and percussion instruments at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels, with emphasis on beginning-level pedagogy. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3332 - Instrumental Techniques II (1)

Overview of techniques used to perform and teach the playing of brass and string instruments at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels, with emphasis on beginning-level pedagogy. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3390 - Music Education Practicum (1)

Observation and assistance in school settings, for the purpose of broadening students' understanding of the classroom environment. Designed for music education majors, students in this practicum spend three weeks in an elementary or secondary music classroom, observing and helping a teacher. Students observe the learning environment, teaching strategies, students' interactions, classroom management techniques, and ways in which instruction is differentiated for diverse learners, especially for children with special needs.

MUSC 4398 - Music Education Internship (1)

In this course, teacher candidates will build upon music education content knowledge gained in MUSC 3310, and MUSC 3320/3330. Teacher candidates will apply understandings during class meetings and in their internship placement, as they assess individual student needs, and plan and deliver appropriate instruction to meet those needs. Research-based instructional strategies that facilitate development of 21st century skills, critical thinking, and problem solving; meaningful integration of technology; music education methods; and classroom management techniques will be discussed and practiced. Prereqs: MUSC 3320 and MUSC 3330. Co-reqs: SOA 301 and SOA 302. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 4399 - Student Teaching Grades P-12 (12)

Supervised-teaching experiences. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Music - Music History and Literature

COMU 2840 - American Popular Music (3)

Examines the evolution of popular music in Western society from the late 19th century to present by surveying and analyzing influential songs and songwriting styles. Emphasis placed on the relationship between songwriting and culture in addition to the development of the commercial music industry. Offered: Fall.

COMU 3404 - Global Music (3)

Survey of music outside the European-American classical tradition, with special attention to globalization and commercial genres. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 1970 - Special Topics (0-3)

Unique, one-time, lower-level course, examining a particular topic in music. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2400 - Introduction to Music Literature (2)

A foundational course that prepares students for the comprehensive historical survey in Music History I, II, and III. Standardization of musical vocabulary, writing about music topics, and critical listening skills are emphasized. Although the focus is the Western cultivated tradition, non-Western and vernacular music is also included. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 2412 - Musicology I: Music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance (2)

A survey that extends from the early Christian era until the end of the 16th century, examining music and its relationship to political and religious history and to the other arts. Compositions are analyzed, both visually and aurally, to develop an understanding of the evolution of musical styles. Prereq: MUSC 2400. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3423 - Musicology II: Music of the Baroque and Classic Eras (3)

A survey of the music of the 17th, 18th, and early 19th centuries. Baroque and Classic musical styles are examined in the context of political and religious history and of the other arts. Prereq: Junior-level or higher standing in the Division of Music. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3433 - Musicology III: Music of the 19th Century to the Present (3)

A survey of the music from the early 19th century to the present that examines the role of music in relation to political, social, and religious history, and to the other arts. Emphasis is on the western cultivated tradition, but certain aspects of non-western and vernacular music are considered. Prereq: Junior-level or higher standing in the Division of Music. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3970 - Special Topics (1-4)

Unique, one-time, upper-level course, examining a particular topic in music. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

MUSC 4421 - Survey of Vocal Literature (2)

Study of major contributors to solo vocal literature and their compositions. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4422 - Survey of Choral Literature (2)

Study of choral forms and literature from c. 1450 to the present. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4430 - Survey of Symphonic Literature (2)

Study of major developments in symphonic literature, with emphasis upon major contributors and their compositions. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4440 - Survey of Piano Literature (2)

Study of major contributors to piano literature and their compositions. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4450 - Survey of Organ Literature (2)

Study of major contributors to organ literature and their compositions. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

Music - Music Theory

MUSC 1500 - Music Fundamentals (3)

Required of entering freshmen with a deficiency in music fundamentals. This course includes, but isn't limited to, the study of major and minor scales, key signatures, intervals, triads, basic rhythms, and meters, in the context of theory, sight singing, aural skills, and keyboard skills. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to MUSC 1510 (Theory I: The Syntax of Music), MUSC 1511 (Theory Lab I), and MUSC 1941 (Class Piano I). Prereq: Musicianship Assessment administered by the Division of Music.

MUSC 1510 - Theory I: The Syntax of Music (3)

Music Theory I is a study of notation practices, rhythm and meter, scale and mode construction, major and minor key signatures, intervals, and chords, as found in Western classical and popular music from the Baroque to the present day. This course concludes with an introduction to diatonic part-writing. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to Theory II (MUSC 1520). Prereq: Musicianship Assessment/Placement Exam. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1511 - Theory Lab I (1)

Theory I Lab facilitates the development of basic sight-singing and ear-training skills. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to Theory Lab II (MUSC 1521). Prereq: Musicianship Assessment/Placement Exam. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1520 - Theory II: Diatonic Harmonic Idioms (3)

Music Theory II focuses on the fundamentals of diatonic part-writing and voice leading, and on the student's growing ability to integrate and use theoretical knowledge, culminating with the introduction of secondary dominants. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to Theory III (MUSC 2530). Prereq: MUSC 1510. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1521 - Theory Lab II (1)

Theory Lab II fosters continuing development of basic sight-singing and ear-training skills. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to (MUSC 2531). Prereq: MUSC 1511. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2530 - Theory III: Formal and Chromatic Expansion (3)

Music Theory III is a study of chromatic harmony including secondary functions, tonicization and modulation, borrowed chords, the Neapolitan chord, augmented sixth chords and enharmonic reinterpretation; and of formal structures including binary and ternary part forms, sonata, and rondo form, and popular song forms. Participants will complete written assignments and will also use basic notation and recording software to create music using the materials studied. Prereq: MUSC 1520. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2531 - Theory Lab III (1)

Theory III Lab is a practical course for the development of advanced sight-singing and ear-training skills coordinated with studies in Music Theory III. Dictation work will include short melodies from classical and popular literature, along with melodic sequences; a variety of meters, the triplet and triplet subdivisions, the quadruplet, and eighth-beat values; all diatonic chords in chorale phrases and in popular songs, dominant seventh chords, and modulation to

closely related keys. Work will also include error detection and sight singing with these materials, as well as listening exercises to identify instruments.

Prereq: MUSC 1521. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2540 - Theory IV: Tonal and Post-Tonal Techniques and Materials (3)

Music Theory IV is a study of contrapuntal practices of the 18th and 19th centuries; late-Romantic chromaticism; and materials and techniques of the 20th and 21st centuries, with an emphasis upon representative works. Prereq: MUSC 2530. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2541 - Theory Lab IV (1)

In Theory IV Lab, students continue practical development of advanced sight-singing and ear-training skills, coordinated with studies in Music Theory IV.

Prereq: MUSC 2531. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2551 - Keyboard Harmony I (1)

Study of basic functional skills at the keyboard including harmonization with various accompaniment styles and melodic transpositions with chordal accompaniments. This course will allow each student to move at his/her own pace. No previous experience in these areas is required. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 2552 - Keyboard Harmony II (1)

Study of advanced functional skills at the keyboard. Emphasis is on keyboard improvisation and elaboration of written keyboard arrangements. Prereq: MUSC 2551. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3520 - Choral Arranging (2)

Introduction to basic principles of arranging for choral ensembles, both unaccompanied and with instrumental accompaniment. Students develop choral arranging skills through practical exercises exploring a variety of voicings and accompaniments. Prereqs: MUSC 2540 and MUSC 2541. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3530 - Orchestration (2)

Study of advanced concepts of instrumentation and orchestration: history and development of the symphonic orchestra, technical capabilities of orchestral instruments, practical exercises in idiomatic writing for strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and scoring for full orchestra. Prereqs: MUSC 2540 and MUSC 2541. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3531 - Instrumental Arranging (2)

Practical experience in the craft of arranging for instruments. Prereqs: MUSC 2540 and MUSC 2541. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 3560 - Theory V: Advanced Analysis (3)

In Theory V students will study and emulate a variety of works in Western musical styles, both classical and popular. Prereq: MUSC 2540. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 4510 - Counterpoint (3)

Study of contrapuntal technique in 18th century style, including practical exercises in species counterpoint in two parts, canon, invertible counterpoint, two-part invention. Prereqs: MUSC 2540 and MUSC 2541. Offered: Fall.

Music - Performance-Related

MUSA 0011 - Performance Lab (0)

Weekly studio meetings to develop and refine performance skills for the applied student. Grading is pass/fail. May be repeated for a maximum 8 times. Co-req: Applied lessons (MUSA enrollment). Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 0999 - Music Seminar/Recital Attendance (0)

Seven semesters required for all music division majors; four required for the music minor. Grading is pass/fail.

MUSC 1610 - Diction for Singers I (2)

Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and its application to Latin, Italian, and English diction for singers. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 1620 - Diction for Singers II (2)

Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and its application to German, French, and Spanish diction for singers. Prereq: MUSC 1610. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 2649 - Piano Proficiency (0)

Certification of completion of piano proficiency requirements for non-keyboard music majors. Such students must enroll for piano study each semester until the piano proficiency examination has been passed. Registration for this requirement should be done in the semester immediately after the examination has been completed.

MUSC 4620 - Vocal Pedagogy (2)

Overview of the physiology and acoustics of singing and the application of this information to the teaching of singers. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 4630 - Instrumental Pedagogy (1)

Study of pedagogical techniques for instrumental performance majors in the student's major instrument. This course is taught in directed study format.

MUSC 4640 - Piano Pedagogy I (2)

This course is an examination of the various aspects involved in teaching piano in individual lessons, from elementary to advanced levels of study. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MUSC 4641 - Piano Pedagogy Practicum I (2)

Observation and assistance with qualified piano instructors in studio settings. This course is designed for students majoring in piano performance with an emphasis in piano pedagogy in order to broaden their experience in individual piano instruction. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MUSC 4643 - Piano Pedagogy II (2)

This course is an examination of the various aspects involved in teaching piano in a class setting--from teaching groups within an independent studio experience to the teaching of class piano courses at the college level. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4644 - Piano Pedagogy Practicum II (2)

Observation and assistance with qualified instructors in class piano settings. This course is designed for students majoring in piano performance with an emphasis in piano pedagogy in order to broaden their experience in group piano instruction. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 4650 - Organ Pedagogy (2)

Introduction to pedagogical techniques that enable students to teach organ to persons who already have basic keyboard skills. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MUSC 4698 - Degree Recital (0)

Certification of completion of degree recital for all music majors. Registration for this requirement should be done the same semester the recital will be given. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: MUSC 2649 and applied instruction (MUSA) courses at the 2200/2300-level. Co-req: Applied instruction at the 3000/4000-level.

MUSC 4699 - Performance Recital (0-1)

Certification of completion of performance recital for all music performance majors. Registration for this requirement should be done the same semester the recital will be given. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: MUSC 2649 (Piano Proficiency), MUSC 4698 (Degree Recital), and applied instruction (MUSA) courses at the 3200/3300-level. Co-req: Applied instruction at the 4000-level. Offered: As needed.

Music - Worship Leadership

WRLD 0010 - Worship Leadership Forum (0)

Student and faculty forum providing a learning environment dedicated to discussing and applying principles and skills related to biblically sound, theologically astute, and culturally engaged Christian worship. May be repeated 8 times. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall and Spring.

WRLD 2110 - Introduction to Worship Leadership (3)

Introduction to basic principles and skills for worship planning and leadership. Attention is given to worship leadership practices that contribute to the spiritual formation of a worshipping community. Offered: Fall.

WRLD 2120 - Worship with All Generations (3)

Survey of worship ministry in the church with attention given to the relationship between artistic participation, musical development, and faith formation. Emphasis will be placed on the skills and resources necessary to provide arts-based leadership for children, youth, and adult programming in the church. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

WRLD 2130 - Worship Leader Workshop (2)

A course designed to acquaint students with the skills for effective worship leadership on and off the worship leading platform, including the musical, pastoral, relational, and administrative responsibilities of 21st century worship leadership. Attention is given to the student's application of skills in a variety of public worship contexts. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 2310 - Worship Technology and Production (3)

Introduction to theories and practices that shape the production of public Christian worship. Surveys best practices and resources for producing faithful worship in congregational settings, introduces A/V technology for planning, leading, and producing worship, and explores theological considerations for using technology in worship. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

WRLD 2501 - Live Sound Technology and Production I (3)

This course explores the acoustical, musical, and technical aspects of live performance, in order to learn how to present the best possible sound to the audience. Students will study, evaluate, and compare several different live recordings in order to establish a point of reference for their own mix choices. The course emphasizes instrument sounds, microphones, amplifiers, audio consoles, routing, equalization, dynamics processing, and maintenance. Cross-listed with COMU 2501. Prereq: COMU 2500. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

WRLD 2502 - Live Sound Technology and Production II (3)

This course continues and further develops the exploration of the acoustical, musical, and technical aspects of the live performance, in order to learn how to present the best possible sound to the audience. Course material covers digital signal processing (DSP), systems networking, and multimedia component integration as well as all three levels of training and certification in the Dante networking system. Cross-listed with COMU 2502. Prereq: WRLD 2501. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 3130 - Singing the Faith (3)

Survey of the history and practice of congregational song, with primary focus on texts and secondary attention to functional use of music. Application of this literature in the design and leadership of worship. Cross-listed with BREL 406. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 3140 - Musical Practices in Worship (3)

A workshop environment focusing on techniques for leadership of music in worship in various liturgical contexts. Emphasis will be given to the development of the functional skill set required to design and lead various musical practices in and for public worship, with attention given to groups leading in worship. Prereq: MUSC 1200. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

WRLD 3210 - The Arts in Christian Faith, Mission, and Worship (2)

Study of various arts employed in private and public worship practices from biblical times to the present. Examines artistic contributions such as architecture, dance, drama, film, music, literature, and visual arts, and their historical, theological, cultural, and pastoral significance for the church, local and global. Cross-listed with BREL 408. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 3350 - Songwriting for Worship (3)

Explores the discipline of worship songwriting in both theory and practice. Students will build a theology of worship songwriting; explore the riches of liturgical lyrical poetry; develop skills in lyric writing, melody development, and song structure; and consider basic practices in harmonization, arranging, production, and distribution. Also includes practice of communal songwriting and critique in a workshop format. Prereqs: MUSC 1500 and WRLD 2110. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 4140 - Worship Design (3)

Study of musical, theological, pastoral, philosophical, and technological principles that inform public Christian worship. Application of principles through guided experience in worship planning and leadership. Cross-listed with BREL 418. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WRLD 4150 - Worship Leadership Practicum (2)

Internship with a mentor in a church or parachurch worship arts ministry. Offered: Fall and Spring.

WRLD 4160 - Senior Project: Worship Leadership (2)

Implementation and public presentation of a focused individual or collaborative project under the direction of advising faculty member in music and worship leadership. As a culminating project, this course is taken during the student's final year of study and serves to incorporate and apply previous learning in the degree program. Offered: Fall and Spring.

WRLD 4250 - Special Topics in Worship Studies (2)

Unique, one-time course examining a particular topic in Christian worship. Students analyze current issues in today's public worship, critically evaluating and applying course content in the context of their own worship leadership practices and ecclesial traditions. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

Music - Ensembles

The 1000-level courses are designated for the first four successful semesters of ensemble participation.

The 3000-level courses are designated for junior and senior music majors only.

COMU 1785 - Commercial Music Chamber Ensemble (0-1)

This class offers students a smaller, chamber music experience within commercial music genres. Each student will perform on a specific instrument, collaborating with each other to perform seminal music within the catalog of existing American popular music and/or original pieces written by students within the chamber ensemble. Pre-existing chamber groups may enroll, or students will be assigned to various chamber groups based upon current enrollment. Recital performance is required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

COMU 3785 - Commercial Music Chamber Ensemble (0-1)

This class offers students a smaller, chamber music experience within commercial music genres. Each student will perform on a specific instrument, collaborating with each other to perform seminal music within the catalog of existing American popular music and/or original pieces written by students within the chamber ensemble. Pre-existing chamber groups may enroll, or students will be assigned to various chamber groups based upon current enrollment. Recital performance is required. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1720 - University Chorale (0-1)

Performs a cross-section of quality literature in major concerts and university events each year. No audition is required. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits.

MUSC 1721 - A Cappella Choir (0-1)

Performs both regionally and internationally, as well as for important university functions throughout the year. Auditions for membership in the A Cappella Choir are held before July 1. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits.

MUSC 1723 - Samford Opera (0-1)

Performance of operas and operettas. Audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits. Offered: Fall or Spring.

MUSC 1724 - Opera Workshop (0-1)

Study of stagecraft related to opera and other forms of music theatre, including basic acting and movement. Students will workshop and perform short selections from operas, plays, and musicals. Open to all music majors and musical theatre majors. Non-majors need to request an interview with the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall or Spring.

MUSC 1730 - Wind Ensemble (0-1)

Performance of appropriate wind ensemble works from all areas. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits. For advanced students. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1731 - Orchestra (0-1)

Performs standard orchestral literature, operas, oratorios, concerti, and musical theatre shows. Admission by audition only. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits.

MUSC 1732 - Chamber Ensemble (0-1)

Chamber ensemble groupings of varying combinations including, but not limited to, Jazz Ensemble, Bells of Buchanan, Percussion Ensemble, etc. Grading is pass/fail. May be repeated for credit.

MUSC 1739 - Marching Band (0-1)

Performs at home football games and away games as needed. May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 1740 - Instrumental Collaboration (0-1)

Keyboard students collaborate with string, woodwind, and brass students weekly and in separate rehearsal times. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

MUSC 1741 - Vocal Collaboration (0-1)

Keyboard students collaborate with vocal students (SATB) as soloists, duets, or ensembles weekly and in separate rehearsal times. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits.

MUSC 1750 - Worship Arts Ensemble (0-1)

A versatile ensemble that collaborates to perform music, dance, drama, and visual art from diverse worshiping traditions in service to the church. By audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1751 - Campus Worship Team (0-1)

A vocal and instrumental ensemble that plans and leads worship for the campus community. By audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1780 - Commercial Music Ensemble (0-1)

An auditioned ensemble that will study, rehearse, and perform seminal music from the funk, pop, and rock genres, specifically music from the 1960s to the current era. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Audition. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 3720 - University Chorale (0-1)

Performs a cross-section of quality literature in major concerts and university events each year. No audition is required. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

MUSC 3721 - A Cappella Choir (0-1)

Performs both regionally and internationally, as well as for important university functions throughout the year. Auditions for membership in the A Cappella Choir are held before July 1. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

MUSC 3723 - Samford Opera (0-1)

Performance of operas and operettas. Audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall or Spring.

MUSC 3724 - Opera Workshop (0-1)

Study of stagecraft related to opera and other forms of music theatre, including basic acting and movement. Students will workshop and perform short selections from operas, plays, and musicals. Open to all music majors and musical theatre majors. Non-majors need to request an interview with the instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall or Spring.

MUSC 3730 - Wind Ensemble (0-1)

Performance of appropriate wind ensemble works from all areas. Auditions are held at the beginning of each semester. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. For advanced students. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 3731 - Orchestra (0-1)

Performs standard orchestral literature, operas, oratorios, concerti, and musical theatre shows. Admission by audition only. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

MUSC 3739 - Marching Band (0-1)

Performs at home football games and away games as needed. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 3750 - Worship Arts Ensemble (0-1)

A versatile ensemble that collaborates to perform music, dance, drama, and visual art from diverse worshiping traditions in service to the church. By audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 3751 - Campus Worship Team (0-1)

A vocal and instrumental ensemble that plans and leads worship for the campus community. By audition only, open to any major. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 3780 - Commercial Music Ensemble (0-1)

An auditioned ensemble that will study, rehearse, and perform seminal music from the funk, pop, and rock genres, specifically music from the 1960s to the current era. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Audition. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Music - Performance Instruction

Credit for performance study is consistent with the National Association of Schools of Music minimum standard of three hours of practice per week for each credit. For undergraduate performance study, the first number of the course indicates classification level (1000-Freshman, 2000-Sophomore, 3000-Junior, 4000-Senior) while the second number indicates the amount of course credits: [e.g., MUSA 1151 (1); MUSA 2251 Piano (2); 3251 Piano (2); 4351 Piano (3)]. Courses in the 1100/2100/3100/4100 range can be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits; those in the 1200/2200/3200/4200 range can be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits; those in the 1300/2300/3300/4300 range can be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

MUSA 1111 - Violin (1)**MUSA 1113 - Viola (1)****MUSA 1115 - Cello (1)****MUSA 1117 - String Bass (1)****MUSA 1119 - Harp (1)****MUSA 1120 - Percussion (1)****MUSA 1121 - Trumpet (1)****MUSA 1123 - Trombone (1)****MUSA 1125 - French Horn (1)****MUSA 1127 - Tuba (1)****MUSA 1129 - Euphonium (1)****MUSA 1131 - Saxophone (1)****MUSA 1133 - Flute (1)****MUSA 1135 - Oboe (1)****MUSA 1137 - Bassoon (1)****MUSA 1139 - Clarinet (1)****MUSA 1148 - Harpsichord (1)****MUSA 1151 - Piano (1)****MUSA 1153 - Organ (1)****MUSA 1157 - Voice (1)****MUSA 1179 - Classical Guitar (1)****MUSA 1180 - Applied Acoustic Guitar (1)****MUSA 1181 - Applied Electric Guitar (1)****MUSA 1182 - Applied Electric Bass (1)****MUSA 1183 - Applied Drum Set (1)**

The following applied instruction courses have a different level, credit, or repeat status from the list above. See the course descriptions for more information.

MUSA 1294 - Applied Songwriting for Worship (2)

This course is an intensive songwriting apprenticeship that allows students to build a stronger foundation and receive 1-on-1 mentoring on individual compositions. The purpose of the course is to improve students' proficiency in writing songs for worship and equip students to be better worship leaders. Emphasis is placed upon writing compelling compositions for liturgical contexts and communicating more effectively through musically excellent worship leadership. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: WRLD 3350. Offered: Fall and Spring. (Also available as MUSA 2294, 3294, 4294)

MUSA 3195 - Applied Studies in Worship Leadership (1)

One-on-one apprenticeship model to develop the skill set of music and worship ministry leaders. Particular attention is given to the student's interests and degree concentrations while continuing to emphasize the nature of corporate worship and develop the skills necessary to lead a local church worship ministry. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3290 - Applied Music Production (2)

Advanced 1-on-1 instruction for music production with concentrated study and practice in arranging, recording, editing, communicating with and mixing ensembles. Particular focus is placed upon the creation of new material. May be repeated for a maximum of 14 credits. Prereq: COMU 2835. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3291 - Applied Songwriting (2)

Advanced 1-on-1 instruction for writing compelling and commercially viable songs. Creative process includes analyzing melodic, harmonic, and rhythmic structures prevalent in current market trends, learning best practices in melodic and lyrical writing, reviewing the history of popular song structures, and learning basic arrangement techniques to flesh out song demos that command an audience. Particular focus is placed upon the creation of new material. May be repeated for a maximum of 14 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3295 - Applied Studies in Worship Leadership (2)

One-on-one apprenticeship model to develop the skill set of music and worship ministry leaders. Particular attention is given to the student's interests and degree concentrations while continuing to emphasize the nature of corporate worship and develop the skills necessary to lead a local church worship ministry. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSA 3395 - Applied Studies in Worship Leadership (3)

One-on-one apprenticeship model to develop the skill set of music and worship ministry leaders. Particular attention is given to the student's interests and degree concentrations while continuing to emphasize the nature of corporate worship and develop the skills necessary to lead a local church worship ministry. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Music - Class Instruction

All class instruction courses earn 1 credit.

MUSC 1910 - Class Guitar I (1)

Introductory course in fundamentals of guitar playing to enable leading and accompanying group singing. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

MUSC 1911 - Class Guitar II (1)

Advanced course for fundamentals of guitar playing so students can lead and accompany group singing. Prereq: MUSC 1910. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

MUSC 1912 - Class Fretted Instruments (1)

This course will familiarize students with fundamental characteristics and typical uses of fretted instruments employed in educational and congregational settings. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1920 - Class Voice I (1)

First course for fundamentals of singing, including vocal technique and solo vocal performance. Offered: Fall.

MUSC 1921 - Class Voice II (1)

Second course for fundamentals of singing, including vocal technique and solo vocal performance. Prereq: MUSC 1920. Offered: Spring.

MUSC 1941 - Class Piano I (1)

This is the first course in the class piano sequence designed for music majors preparing for the piano proficiency requirements unique to their major performance areas. No prior piano experience is required. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to MUSC 1942 (Class Piano II). Prereq/Co-req: MUSC 1510. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 1942 - Class Piano II (1)

This is the second course in the class piano sequence designed for music majors and minors working towards completion of their piano proficiency requirements. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to MUSC 2941 (Class Piano III). Prereq: MUSC 1941. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 2941 - Class Piano III (1)

This is the third and final course in the class piano sequence designed for music majors preparing to fulfill their piano proficiency requirements. Students should have either passed (with a grade of C- or higher), or tested out of, MUSC 1941 and MUSC 1942 before taking this course. Prereq: MUSC 1942. Offered: Fall and Spring.

MUSC 3931 - Class Strings (1)

Offered: On rotation.

MUSC 3932 - Class Woodwinds (1)

Offered: On rotation.

MUSC 3933 - Class Brass (1)

Offered: On rotation.

MUSC 3934 - Class Percussion (1)

Offered: On rotation.

Neuroscience

NSCI 300 - Neurobiology of Mental Health and Disorders (4)

Study of the history of neuroscience, its scope and definition, neuron function, basic brain anatomy, basic neurochemistry, and the biological aspects of the major psychiatric disorders. Cross-listed with BIOL 300. Prereq: One semester of biology. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

NSCI 400 - Research in Neuroscience (4)

This course is an opportunity for students to develop skills as an independent researcher within a seminar experience. Seminar discussions will be led by the instructor with the goal of enhancing information literacy, accelerating professional development, and facilitating understanding and application of theory and research in neuroscience. Under the supervision of a faculty mentor, students will write a literature review and design an original research project. This course is the first in a two-course sequence. Prereqs: Neuroscience major or minor with senior standing and completion of BIOL 203, 204, and 333; or instructor permission. Offered: Fall.

NSCI 405 - Capstone: Neuroscience Senior Thesis (4)

Research and professional writing course designed to synthesize skills and knowledge developed from the progression of coursework of the neuroscience major or minor. In this capstone course, students complete their thesis with guidance from their research mentor and course instructor. Students defend their thesis during the course and present their research at a conference or in another public venue. Designed to be taken during the senior year, this course is the second in a two-course sequence. Prereq: Neuroscience major or minor with junior or senior standing and completion of BIOL 203, 204, 333, and NSCI 400; or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

Nursing

NURS 210 - Medication Dosage Calculation for Nurses (1)

Focuses on the basic principles of medication calculation and administration and facilitates the development of skills necessary to ensure accuracy when calculating medication dosage. Prereqs: Admission to the School of Nursing and all required science courses must be completed with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 222 - Professional Nursing Practice (2)

This course initiates the process of professional nursing socialization for the baccalaureate student, focusing on the major nursing concepts and current trends and issues in healthcare. LEC 2. Prereqs: Admission to the School of Nursing and all required science courses must be completed with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 232 - Statistics for Health Care Professionals (3)

Introduces the study of descriptive statistics. Topics include parametric and non-parametric tests, probability decision-making, and correlation of data. Cross-listed with ECRN 232. Prereq: College Algebra or higher. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 236 - Introduction to Nursing (3)

Introduction to the role of the professional nurse. Topics include evidence-based practice, person-centered care, healthcare quality and safety, the interprofessional team, and behaviors that promote personal wellness and resiliency. LEC. Prereqs: Admission to the School of Nursing and completion of required science courses with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 241 - Health Assessment (4)

Introduces nursing health assessment principles for diverse populations. Topics include comprehensive health history, systematic physical assessment, health promotion, communication, and person-centered care. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: BIOL 225 and BIOL 226; Admission to the School of Nursing and all required science courses must be completed with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 243 - Pathophysiology (4)

Examination of human suffering as it relates to disruption of health caused by disease processes. Topics include disease etiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, diagnostic information, and prevention. LEC. Prereqs: BIOL 221 and BIOL 222; BIOL 223 and BIOL 224, BIOL 225 and BIOL 226, plus CHEM 108, and CHEM 109; Admission to the School of Nursing and all required science courses must be completed with a minimum science GPA of 2.30 on a 4.00 scale. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NURS 324 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice I (2)

Focuses on the principles of pharmacology for nursing practice. Emphasis is on developing knowledge of pharmacotherapy and the role of the nurse in safe medication administration. LEC. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 241, and NURS 243. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 326 - Pharmacology for Nursing Practice II (2)

Builds on the foundational principles of pharmacology for nursing practice. The emphasis is on the clinical application of pharmacotherapy for diverse and specialty populations. LEC. Prereqs: NURS 324 and NURS 346. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 332 - Pharmacology in Nursing (3)

Provides theoretical and conceptual bases for pharmacology in nursing based on a collaborative interdisciplinary approach. Emphasis on developing a broad base of knowledge of the major drug classifications necessary for safe and effective administration and monitoring of medications to clients of all ages. Key concepts of pharmacology, basic medication facts, and dosage calculations will be discussed. LEC 4. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 241, and NURS 243.

NURS 335 - Research Basic to Nursing Interventions (3)

Introduction to the research process and the application to scholarship and clinical practice. Students learn to be consumers of research through reviewing the literature, critiquing research, and identifying methods appropriate to study specific practice-related problems. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. LEC 3.

NURS 340 - Behavioral Health (4)

Focuses on nursing care of behavioral health clients. Topics include examination of psychiatric mental health needs of individuals, families, and groups across the life span. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 326, NURS 241, and NURS 243. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 344 - Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (4)

Examination of psychiatric mental health needs of individuals, families, and groups across the life span, emphasizing communication, neurobiology, and psychosocial nursing with clinical experiences in acute and community mental health care settings. LEC 2, LAB 6. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 222, NURS 241, and NURS 243.

NURS 346 - Foundations of Nursing Practice (8)

Focuses on the foundation of nursing practice. Topics include application of systematic assessment, development of plans of care, acquisition of nursing skills, and formation of clinical judgement. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 326, NURS 241, and NURS 243. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 348 - Maternal and Newborn Nursing (4)

Focuses on nursing care of maternal and newborn clients. Topics include typical and high-risk care of the newborn and maternal clients through prenatal, intrapartum, and postpartum periods. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 324, NURS 340, and NURS 346. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 350 - Adult Health Nursing I (7)

Focuses on clinical decision making in the management of adult medical-surgical clients across health care settings. Emphasis is placed on acute health stressors and their effect on the whole person. Students apply critical thinking to prioritize client needs, promote evidence-based practice, and provide compassionate nursing care. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 324, NURS 340, and NURS 346. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 351 - Childbearing Family (5)

Development of skills and the acquisition of knowledge and professional values to prepare the student for the role of health care provider for the childbearing family. Clinical experiences provide a variety of in-patient and community-based learning opportunities. LEC 2.5, LAB 7.5. Prereqs: NURS 332 and NURS 381. Prereq/Co-req: NURS 344.

NURS 380 - Scholarship for Nursing Practice (3)

Introduction of basic principles of scholarship and evidence-based practice in the context of professional nursing practice. Topics include reviewing the literature, critiquing research, and identifying methods appropriate to study specific practice-related problems. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. Cross-listed with ECRN 380. Prereqs: NURS 232 and NURS 381. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NURS 381 - Foundations for Clinical Nursing Practice (8)

Initiates the acquisition of basic clinical nursing skills that will assist students to become safe, efficient, compassionate practitioners. Students will utilize and continue to develop physical assessment skills and a theoretical knowledge base to be used in clinical situations. Opportunities are provided for the student to implement the nursing process to deliver safe care to individual clients. LEC 5, LAB 9. Prereqs: NURS 210, NURS 222, NURS 241, and NURS 243.

NURS 383 - Nursing Process in Adult Health (8)

Focuses on clinical decision making in the management of adult medical surgical clients in secondary health care settings. Emphasis is placed on acute well-defined health stressors and their effect on the whole person. Students develop collaborative problem solving and evidenced-based practice as they provide care for individual and small groups of clients. Nutritional needs and rehabilitation are integrated throughout the content. LEC 5, LAB 9. Prereqs: NURS 332, NURS 344, and NURS 381.

NURS 422 - Senior Seminar (3)

Capstone seminar experience designed for the student to develop and present a written and oral presentation of a selected quality improvement project with application of concepts of leadership and collaboration. Last semester, senior standing. Prereqs: NURS 335, NURS 451, and NURS 460. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 438 - Clinical Preceptorship (4)

Concentrated clinical immersion experience with concepts of leadership and management applied in assigned clinical practicum setting. Emphasis is on the use of the nursing process and clinical skills as students assess, plan, implement, and evaluate evidence-based care provided to a small, select number of patients. Includes 180 clinical hours. Grading is pass/fail. Last semester, senior standing. Prereqs: NURS 452 and NURS 460. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 448 - Pediatric Nursing (4)

Focuses on nursing care of the pediatric population. Topics include growth and development, common childhood illnesses, acute and chronic disease processes, and family-centered care. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 348 and NURS 350. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 450 - Adult Health Nursing II (6)

Focuses on clinical decision making in the management of adult clients with complex health needs across healthcare settings. Emphasis is on prioritizing client needs, utilizing evidence-based practice, and providing compassionate nursing care. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 326, NURS 348, and NURS 350. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 451 - Community Health Nursing (5)

Relates public health principles to professional nursing practice. Focuses on health promotion, disease prevention, and risk reduction in individuals, families, groups, and populations across the lifespan in the community setting. LEC 2.5, LAB 7.5. Prereqs: NURS 351 and NURS 383. Prereq/Co-req: NURS 452.

NURS 452 - The Childrearing Family (5)

Examination of health needs of families from birth through adolescence. Refinement of critical thinking and decision-making skills as students care for the pediatric client and family experiencing simple, complex and/or multiple health stressors. LEC 2.5, LAB 7.5. Prereqs: NURS 351 and NURS 383.

NURS 454 - Principles of Leadership and Management in Nursing (3)

Study of concepts, principles and theories as a basis for developing leadership skills for an entry-level professional nurse. Emphasis is on patient care management, evaluation of outcomes, healthcare systems, legal safeguards, ethics, finance, and policy. Critical thinking skills are utilized to problem-solve, promote patient safety, and effect change in the clinical setting. Prereqs: NURS 452 and NURS 460. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 460 - Principles of Critical Care Nursing (6)

Provides structured learning experiences in adult critical care environments in tertiary health care settings. The student establishes priorities of care for patients experiencing complex and multisystem health stressors. Communication skills are strengthened as students collaborate with other members of the health care team to become managers of care for critically ill patients. LEC 3.5, LAB 12 hours per week for 12 weeks. Prereqs: NURS 351 and NURS 383. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 468 - Population Health Nursing (4)

Focuses on health promotion, disease prevention, and risk reduction in individuals, families, and populations across the lifespan in a variety of community settings. Emphasis is placed on levels of prevention, identifying and addressing social determinants of health, and engaging vulnerable populations with the healthcare community. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 448 and NURS 450. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 470 - Leadership for Nursing Practice (3)

Focuses on developing leadership skills for the entry-level professional nurse. Topics include patient care management, evaluation of outcomes, healthcare systems, legal safeguards, ethics, finance, and policy. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 448 and NURS 450. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 480 - Senior Capstone (2)

The capstone seminar experience focuses on the nurse's role in quality improvement. Topics include leadership principles and theories, evidence-based practice, quality improvement models, and development of a scholarly project. This course meets requirements for writing in the major. LEC. Prereqs: NURS 335, NURS 448, and NURS 450. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NURS 490 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (7)

Focuses on the role of the professional nurse. Topics include current issues in healthcare, career preparation, and strategies to successfully transition to professional nursing practice. LEC, LAB. Prereqs: NURS 448 and NURS 450. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Nursing - Electives**NURS 110 - Health Care Perspectives (1)**

Examination of basic understanding of human beings, health care consumerism, decision-making, career opportunities, and health care issues pertinent to nursing. Open to non-nursing majors. LEC 1.

NURS 301 - Camp Nursing (3)

Examination of collaborative practice as members of an interdisciplinary health care team in a residential camp setting. Explores education and health care of children ages 6 to 17 years who are affected with a chronic illness. Students utilize knowledge of principles of growth and development as they assist children with risk reduction and health promotion strategies. Students engage in direct interaction with individuals and small groups and act as patient advocates, while anticipating, planning, and managing developmentally appropriate care. Prereqs: NURS 381, and permission of the instructor.

NURS 302 - Nursing Care of the Older Adult (3)

Examination of in-depth nursing care issues of the older adult. Topics discussed include theories of aging, the gerontological nursing specialty, legal aspects, models of care, geriatric syndromes, and gerontological care issues. Prereq: NURS 381.

NURS 303 - Technology and Informatics in Health Care (3)

Provides the student with knowledge regarding informatics and technology in the health care delivery system. Students use an electronic health record program and technology to help facilitate health of the individual, family, and community. Prereq: NURS 241.

NURS 304 - Missions Nursing Abroad (3)

Examination of missions nursing from a global perspective. Provides the opportunity to explore the nature of missions nursing, to examine one's calling to missions nursing, to plan and participate in nursing activities related to missions, and to share experiences from the mission field. Prereq: Permission of the instructor.

NURS 305 - Independent Study (1)

Content varies with the needs and interests of the student. Prereqs: Permission of the instructor and associate dean of the School of Nursing.

NURS 306 - Independent Study (2)

Content varies with the needs and interests of the student. Prereqs: Permission of the instructor and associate dean of the School of Nursing.

NURS 307 - Independent Study (3)

Content varies with the needs and interests of the student. Prereqs: Permission of the instructor and associate dean of the School of Nursing.

NURS 308 - High-Risk Neonatal Nursing (3)

Study of high-risk neonates and their families, including genetic abnormalities, preventive measures, and long-term sequelae associated with birth of these neonates. Exploration of the roles of the nurse and other health care professionals, including the role of providers in early intervention services. Prereqs: NURS 351, NURS 383, and permission of the instructor.

NURS 309 - Perioperative Nursing (3)

Examination of the role of the nurse and other health care professionals involved in the care of the patient undergoing surgical intervention. Emphasis on the nursing care of the patient in the operating room as well as the preoperative and post anesthesia recovery areas. Prereqs: NURS 381 and permission of the instructor.

NURS 310 - Ethical Considerations in Nursing (3)

Examination of legal, ethical, and moral issues relative to the profession of nursing. Attention to classical and contemporary ethical theories, principles, and philosophical considerations. Exploration of ethical decision making and problem solving in the context of providing ethically appropriate nursing care consistent with personal and professional values. LEC 3. Prereq: NURS 381 or permission of the instructor.

NURS 313 - Labor and Delivery Nursing (3)

Opportunities for the student to gain additional theoretical knowledge and clinical skills related to the labor and delivery process. The student will complete a preceptor clinical experience with a registered nurse in a labor and delivery setting. LEC 1.5, LAB 4.5. Prereq: NURS 351 and permission of the instructor.

NURS 316 - Developmental Disabilities (2)

This elective interdisciplinary online course facilitates the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and professional values to prepare students to work with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Attention is given to interprofessional collaborative teamwork that coordinates and provides care for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The course content emphasizes the issues and challenges that affect the lives of people with disabilities and their families, while increasing cultural awareness, sensitivity, and knowledge of available support services in the community. Prereq: Sophomore standing or higher.

NURS 317 - CampUS for Developmental Disabilities (1)

This summer lab intensive elective course allows students from various disciplines/majors the opportunity to care for individuals with developmental disabilities in an inclusive summer day camp environment. Attention is given to interprofessional collaborative teamwork that coordinates and provides care for individuals with developmental disabilities. Students engage in direct interaction with individuals with disabilities while anticipating, planning, managing, and evaluating developmental care. Web-enhanced. Prereq: Permission of instructor; sophomore standing or higher (no major restrictions).

NURS 318 - Emergency Nursing (3)

Examination of the role and responsibilities of the nurse in emergency nursing. This course utilizes the preceptor model in local hospital emergency departments. Prereqs: NURS 351 and NURS 383 and permission of the instructor.

NURS 322 - Health Seminar (2)

Focuses on current practice as related to foundational areas of nursing care. Designed to meet the educational needs of students who have training and experience in healthcare and who desire to enter the workplace as a nurse, the emphasis of the course is to expand the student's knowledge, skills, and attitudes by applying information related to new technology, equipment, current nursing trends, and legal requirements to previously acquired education and skills competency. Grading is pass/fail only. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NURS 402 - Nursing in the British Isles (3)

Observation of the role of the nurse in the British Health Care System with emphasis on historical influence on professional nursing. London serves as the setting for the course. Prereq: NURS 241 and permission of the instructor.

NURS 403 - Missions Nursing (3)

Examination of missions nursing from a global perspective. Provides the opportunity to explore the nature of missions nursing, to examine one's calling to missions nursing, to plan and participate in nursing activities related to local and foreign missions, and to share experiences from the mission field. Meets requirements for Samford's Convocation program that encourages students to develop both spiritually and academically and to integrate faith and learning from a distinctively Christian perspective. LEC 3. Prereq: NURS 241.

NURS 404 - Advanced Practice Roles in Nursing (3)

Examination of advanced practice roles in nursing. Provides the opportunity to explore history and context, education, certification and licensure, and current issues affecting the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). Emphasis is given to the roles of certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse practitioners. Prereq: NURS 383. Offered: Spring.

NURS 405 - National Health Service in the United Kingdom (3)

This course explores the evolution of the largest healthcare system in the world (the National Health Service of the United Kingdom) with an emphasis on its predictive, preventive, and personalized medicine elements. A comparison of health care delivery systems, public health systems, and health promotion approaches in the US and UK will also be undertaken. Using the Interprofessional Educational Collaborative (IPEC) competencies, students will trace the origins of the public health movement as we walk through the streets of London, Edinburgh, and other locations in the UK. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Summer, on rotation.

NURS 406 - Women's Health Nursing (3)

This course facilitates the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and professional values to prepare the student to work with women as clients in the health care setting. Through problem-based learning activities, students will gain knowledge about current evidence-based women's health information to promote optimal health and well-being. Students will explore health care issues related to women throughout the life span with an emphasis placed on self-care and health promotion. Content will reflect the degree and extent of diversity among women in the population. Attention will be focused on the physiological, psychosocial, developmental, educational, and spiritual needs of women as clients in the health care setting. Students will learn about women's health issues related to vulnerable populations. The influence of current social, political, economic, environmental, and genetic factors will be explored. Offered: Spring.

NURS 407 - Forensic Nursing (3)

An introduction to the emerging field of forensic nursing and forensic nursing practice. Offered: Fall.

NURS 408 - Mental Health and the Movies: Using Films to Understand Psychopathology (3)

This course focuses on the portrayal of mental illness in films. Representations of psychopathological states in films will be examined within the context of contemporary social issues such as stigma and discrimination. Major mental disorders will be highlighted. This course is open to all majors within the university. Offered: Fall.

NURS 411 - Pediatric Oncology Nursing (3)

Focus on health needs of children and their families who are affected with devastating illnesses. Students collaborate with interdisciplinary care teams to provide safe nursing care and refine critical decision-making skills in a preceptor model of learning. LEC .5, LAB 6.5. Prereq: NURS 452, and permission of instructor.

Nutrition and Dietetics

NUTR 110 - Principles of Food Preparation (4)

Introduction to food buying, food preparation, food storage, and dietary planning in accordance with scientific principles of nutrition. LEC 2, LAB 2. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NUTR 210 - Introduction to Nutrition and Dietetics (2)

Survey of career opportunities in the health field and introduction to computer software pertinent to future career-related opportunities. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 216 - Personal Nutrition (4)

Introduction to nutrition for personal lifestyle choices. Includes study of digestion, absorption, and metabolism of nutrients. Recent advancements in nutrition, application to meal planning, and strategies for selecting nutritionally balanced foods are also presented. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NUTR 220 - Nutrition Science for Health Professions (3)

Principles of human nutrition, food choices, and behaviors related to health of individuals. Included in this course is the study of nutrients in food, their roles in health and disease, dietary recommendations, and application of these concepts to both individuals and population groups. The course will capture the most recent advancements in nutrition science and their relation to health and disease. Offered: Fall and Spring.

NUTR 301 - Foundations of Nutrition (4)

Study of fundamental principles of normal nutrition and their relation to the health and physical fitness of individuals. Prereq: NUTR 216 or NUTR 220. Prereqs/Co-reqs: CHEM 108 and CHEM 109 or CHEM 205 and CHEM 206. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 305 - Introduction to Culinary Medicine/Nutrition (4)

Culinary medicine is a new evidenced-based field that combines the culinary art of food and cooking with the sciences of nutrition and medicine. This hands-on introductory course introduces students to teaching kitchens that help participants understand the role of nutrient-dense foods in the prevention and treatment of disease and restoration of well-being. Prereq: NUTR 110, NUTR 216, or NUTR 220. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 310 - Lifecycle Nutrition (3)

This course will cover the nutritional requirements and dietary patterns over the lifecycle from infancy through advancing years. Emphasis on the application of the nutritional requirements and guidelines in each age group to dietary planning and intake. Prereq: NUTR 216 or NUTR 220. Offered: Fall and Summer.

NUTR 312 - Food, Culture, and Society (4)

Examination of how, what, when, where, and why people eat. Cultural differences related to food provision, production, and consumption will be evaluated. Relationships of history, geography, climate, customs, social status, health, economy, religion, and politics to food and society also explored. Prereq: NUTR 110. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 350 - Community Nutrition (3)

Study of community-based programs with nutrition components, including worksite wellness, health promotion, schools, day-care programs, and health clinics. Programs in these areas include nutrition screening and assessment, feeding programs and assistance, plus health promotion and disease prevention. Emphasis on development of counseling skills and use of resources to take into account cultural differences and to develop nutrition education plans, goals, and programs for community groups. Prereq: NUTR 216 or NUTR 220. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 360 - Nutrition Assessment and Counseling (4)

Based on the nutrition care process, the nutrition assessment section of this course will emphasize components such as anthropometric assessment, biochemical assessment, clinical assessment, and dietary assessment. Nutrition assessment methods will be discussed and evaluated as applied to clients and patients. Results will be used to determine nutrition status and develop a nutrition care plan consisting of a nutrition diagnosis, intervention plan, and monitoring. The counseling section will focus on behavior theories and counseling techniques that have shown success in nutrition education and intervention. Class will be comprised of lecture, lab, and simulation experiences. Prereqs: NUTR 216 or NUTR 220; NUTR 310. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 370 - Professional Issues in Nutrition (1)

Exploration and application of professional practices for majors within the nutrition and dietetics department such as ethics, mentors, conflict management, and addressing controversies within the field. Post-graduate application processes are addressed and completed in this course. Prereq: Senior status. Offered: Fall. (Formerly NUTR 491)

NUTR 371 - Directed Professional Practicum (2-12)

Explore the practical applications of nutrition in this experiential learning course. Students will gain experiences in a nutrition related area of interest by shadowing, observing, and actively participating with a preceptor in an assigned field experience. For second-semester junior and senior-level students. A minimum of 2 credits of this course are required for majors in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics but may be taken an additional time for 2-4 credit hours as an elective. May be repeated up to three times for a maximum of 12 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: NUTR 110, NUTR 220, NUTR 310, and instructor permission. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 372 - Foods and Nutrition Externship (4 or 8)

In-depth study and practical experience in foods and nutrition. Students work with a preceptor in an assigned field experience. For second semester junior and senior-level students. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereqs: NUTR 110, NUTR 216, NUTR 220, NUTR 301, and NUTR 310. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

NUTR 401 - Nutrition Care Process (3)

This course introduces the Nutrition Care Process (NCP), the systematic approach used by registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) to provide nutrition care. The course will explore the NCP in detail, including the four steps of assessment, diagnosis, intervention, and monitoring and evaluation. Students will learn to use the standardized terminology of the NCP to provide effective, evidence-based nutrition care. The course will also cover interviewing and counseling methods, incorporating principles of counseling skill development, and client-centered counseling techniques focused on behavior change. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 408 - Clinical Nutrition (3)

Explore the fundamentals of clinical nutrition. Gain expertise in nutrition assessment, biochemical interpretation, enteral and parenteral nutrition, fluid-electrolyte management, and critical illness. The study of common chronic diseases and how they relate to clinical nutrition will also be covered. Acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for evidence-based nutrition interventions in healthcare settings. Prereqs: NUTR 220, NUTR 310, and NUTR 401. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 410 - Medical Nutrition Therapy I (4)

Study of dietary deficiencies as they relate to disease. Emphasis on those diseases which may be improved and/or corrected through diet. Prereqs: CHEM 215 and CHEM 216; NUTR 216 or NUTR 220; plus, NUTR 310, NUTR 350, and NUTR 415. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 411 - Medical Nutrition Therapy II (4)

Study of the dietary deficiencies that relate to disease and the nutritional health of the patient in the hospital or community setting. Students learn through case studies. Emphasis on development of nutrition care plans for selected patients and disease states. Preventive dietary and health practices are also discussed. Prereqs: NUTR 410. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 412 - Quantity Food Production and Management (4)

Study of planning, preparation, and presentation of meals for groups larger than 50. Includes catering, banquets, cafeteria, and hospital food service. Special consideration is given to buying, menu developing, producing, and serving food. Also includes visits to local hospitals and restaurant food services. LEC&LAB: 5. Prereqs: NUTR 110 and NUTR 310. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 413 - Food Service Organization and Management (3)

Study of equipment, personnel, and cost in the management of large quantity food services. Includes guest professional lectures and site visits to local food service operations. Students will experience lectures, case study analysis, field trips, and on-the-job volunteer training or assigned webinars/lessons. An

appreciation of quantity food preparation and written summaries will be developed throughout the semester. LEC&LAB: 5. Prereq: NUTR 412. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 414 - Experimental Foods (4)

Scientific approach to the factors involved in preparation of standard food products. Experimental methods and techniques are employed in planning, preparation, and evaluation of food products. LEC&LAB: 4. Prereqs: CHEM 205, CHEM 206, and NUTR 110. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 415 - Advanced Nutrition I: Macronutrients (3)

Metabolism of macronutrients, carbohydrates, lipids, and protein in humans integrating physiology, biochemistry, and nutrition with a focus on maintaining optimum health and preventing disease. Prereqs: NUTR 216 or NUTR 220; and CHEM 216. Prereq/Co-req: CHEM 345. Offered: Fall.

NUTR 416 - Advanced Nutrition II: Micronutrients (3)

Metabolism, dietary needs, deficiency symptoms, and food sources of vitamins and minerals in humans. Prereqs: CHEM 215, CHEM 216, and CHEM 345; NUTR 415. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 418 - Nutrigenomics (3)

This course will provide students with an understanding of the fundamental concepts involved in the regulation of gene expression by dietary nutrients, and how individual genetic variation affects nutrient uptake and metabolism. This will be achieved by investigating the complex interactions between diet, genotype, and phenotype as they pertain to fuel metabolism, health status, and chronic disease risk. Furthermore, the implications of this emerging science with regards to personalized nutrition in dietetics practice will be discussed. LEC 2, LAB 1. Prereq: NUTR 415. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 420 - Nutrition Science Communication (3)

This course will develop student written and oral communication skills related to nutrition, including scientific writing, lay- and professional-level oral communication skills, and introduce evidence-based social media communication. Students will learn to facilitate behavior change by selecting appropriate communication strategies, tailoring messaging towards diverse target audiences, and evaluating the effectiveness of communication methods. Prereqs: NUTR 220, NUTR 310, and NUTR 350. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 490 - Senior Seminar in Foods and Nutrition (4)

Students seeking a degree in foods and nutrition are required to complete the senior seminar course. It represents the culmination of the undergraduate career by integrating and applying knowledge and experiences from the full range of the undergraduate educational experience. The work required and is commensurate to a project designed to showcase the totality of the student's educational achievements. Prereq: Senior status. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 493 - Problems in Nutrition (1-4)

Individual topic in nutrition selected by the student. Topic may be one not examined in depth in a regular course or research the student needs to complete to meet foundational knowledge and skills required by an ACEND-accredited Didactic Program in Dietetics. Offered: See advisor.

NUTR 498 - Research Methods in Nutrition (2)

Examines basic research terminology and methodology, including formulating a research question, ethical considerations in research, evaluating and interpreting scholarly research articles, carrying out a literature review, choosing a research study design, and submission of a research proposal and an IRB application. Prereqs/Co-reqs: BIOL 221 and BIOL 222; and NUTR 412. Offered: Spring.

NUTR 499 - Senior Seminar in Nutrition (2)

The class is the culmination of the educational experience for all department majors and is designed to reflect the students' mastery of content and ability to bridge knowledge and application. This is done by completing an empirical research project and reporting the findings both in writing and orally. Prereqs/Co-reqs: BIOL 223 and BIOL 224; and NUTR 498. Offered: Fall.

Philosophy

PHIL 200 - Christian Ethics (4)

Examination of contemporary social-ethical issues in light of Christian ethical principles, derived from scripture, church history, and the history of philosophy. Cross-listed with BREL 200. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PHIL 230 - Medical Ethics (4)

Introduction to the ethical issues in health care, medical research, and public policy, with ethical analyses of such issues as euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell therapies, medical research on patients, abortion, in vitro fertilization, cloning, and the natural and civil rights to health care. Satisfies the general education humanities requirement for most majors. Offered: Spring.

PHIL 241 - Introduction to Philosophy (4)

Examination of perennial questions and problems of life that have inspired philosophical investigation over the past 2,500 years. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PHIL 301 - History of Philosophy: Ancient and Medieval (4)

Survey and examination of salient and influential ideas and representatives of the history of philosophy from pre-Socratic philosophers through the medieval period, presenting the significance and historical context of philosophical concerns. Offered: Fall.

PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Modern and Contemporary (4)

Survey and examination of salient and influential ideas and representatives of the history of philosophy from the 17th century to the present, including the significance and historical context of philosophical concerns. Offered: Spring.

PHIL 311 - Philosophy of Religion (4)

Investigation of philosophical issues in religious thought, including such issues as proofs and disproves of God's existence, the meaning of religious language, truth-claims in different religions, and related matters. Cross-listed with BREL 364. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHIL 312 - Free Will and Predestination (4)

Introduction to the philosophy of free will and to debates within the Christian tradition about human freedom, predestination, and related issues. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHIL 314 - Philosophical Ethics (4)

Exploration of fundamental bases of morality by presenting and examining the salient features of virtue, duty, utilitarian ethics, and Divine Command ethics. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHIL 321 - Existentialism (4)

Introduction to philosophical, theological, and literary aspects of such themes as human existence, anxiety, the individual in society, dread, and other issues. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHIL 328 - Metaphysics (4)

Introduction to and examination of the philosophical study of the nature of reality, time, personal identity, consciousness, freedom, and other related issues. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHIL 331 - Medical Humanities (4)

Research and discussion of the relationships and reciprocal influences of medicine to the scientific, humanistic, and economic values of society. The primary goal is to gain a better knowledge of the importance of healthcare in the expression and formation of culture. Prereq: UCT 101. Prereqs/Co-reqs: UCS 102 and UCT 102. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHIL 351 - Logic (4)

Introduction to basic principles of correct reasoning, presenting criteria for sound, informal arguments and valid, deductive arguments. Offered: Spring.

PHIL 470 - Internship in Philosophy (2 or 4)

Prepares students for the workplace by teaching ways to apply their education in specific tasks in the workplace. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Any two PHIL courses with a grade of C or higher. Offered: Every semester.

PHIL 491 - Readings in Philosophy (1)

Offered: As needed.

PHIL 492 - Readings in Philosophy (2)

Offered: As needed.

PHIL 493 - Readings in Philosophy (3)

Offered: As needed.

PHIL 494 - Readings in Philosophy (4)

Offered: As needed.

PHIL 498 - Seminar (4)

Correlation of the various studies within the philosophy major, focusing on a senior assessment paper or subject. Offered: Fall.

Pharmacy

PHAR 303 - Drug Delivery Systems I (2)

First of a two-course sequence examining the physicochemical properties of drugs, excipients, and dosage forms critical for the rational design, manufacture, and extemporaneous compounding of drug products. This course guides students in the application of physical chemistry and dosage form science to various characteristics of drug products (drug stability, delivery, release, disposition, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic effectiveness, application of quality standards for drug products). Commonly utilized conventional oral dosage formulations will be emphasized during the course. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 304 - Foundations of Health and Pharmacy I (3)

This two-course series will address foundational components of the pharmacy profession and incorporate aspects of personal and professional development of student pharmacists. This series will include topics such as the United States' health care system, a brief history of pharmacy, ethics, cultural awareness, pharmacy law and regulatory affairs, professional communication, social and behavioral aspects of practice, and patient safety. In addition, students will develop professional self-awareness, explore contemporary pharmacy practice roles, and develop techniques and skills that will enhance their wellbeing during pharmacy school. This course also will prepare students for their upcoming introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPEs) by introducing foundational concepts and other topics crucial to IPPE success. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 306 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences I (3)

This course addresses topics that include macromolecular structure, function and biosynthesis, enzymology, gene expression, signal transduction, cell homeostasis and retroviruses. Foundation for understanding the biochemical actions of drugs. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 307 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences II (3)

This course addresses topics that include the metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids, oxygen toxicity, endocrinology, and related diseases including dyslipidemia and cancer. Foundation for understanding relevant disease states and pharmacological treatments. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 308 - Pharmacist Patient Assessment (1)

Introduction of the evaluation of patient function and dysfunction from a pharmacist's perspective through the performance of tests and patient assessments leading to objective (e.g., physical assessment, health screening, and lab data interpretation) and subjective (patient interview) data important to the provision of pharmacist's care. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 309 - Pharmaceutical Calculations (2)

This mathematical skills-based course involves reinforcement and mastery of topics such as proper prescription interpretation, accurately calculating drug doses for prescriptions (including extemporaneous compounded dosage forms), weights and measures, concentrations, conversions, and accurate dosing of drugs in different dosage forms. This course will also teach application of kinetic principles and physicochemical parameters of drugs to therapeutically relevant issues like drug delivery, disposition, and therapeutic effectiveness in general and specific patient populations. This course emphasizes the importance of accurate drug and dose calculations by pharmacists to ensure optimum pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical, and safe patient medication outcomes. This course is closely associated with Drug Delivery Systems I and Integrated Pharmacy Labs I courses in the curriculum and provides a basis for pharmacokinetics in second year of the curriculum. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 313 - Drug Delivery Systems II (3)

The second of a two-course sequence focusing on the dosage forms and delivery systems available for different routes of administration. This course will focus on drugs and excipients and the rational design and manufacturing of dosage forms for oral as well as alternate routes of administration. Topics will be closely associated with foundational formulation concepts from Drug Delivery Systems I, including delivery, release, and therapeutic effectiveness of dosage forms. Emphasis will be placed on clinical aspects and patient outcomes as well as counseling for the various routes of administration. A section of this course will highlight new and emerging dosage forms that students may encounter as science and research evolve to develop more personalized medicines for patients. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 314 - Introduction to Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy (3)

A foundational course that teaches principles of medicinal chemistry, pathophysiology, pharmacokinetics, pharmacology, patient assessment, and pharmacotherapy and applies them in an integrated approach to care of patients with respiratory disease. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 315 - Introduction to Applied Pharmacy Research and Service (1)

This course is designed to provide the student with the general knowledge of (1) the fundamentals of research, (2) how to design and develop a research project, (3) methods of data collection and evaluation, (4) evaluation of pertinent scientific literature/databases, (5) introduction to research tracks, (6) purpose of an IRB and the application process. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 316 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences III (3)

This course includes the basic principles, mechanisms, functional changes and metabolic sequelae of human disease impacting cells, organs and systems with particular focus on the autonomic, central and somatic motor nervous systems regulation of smooth, cardiac and skeletal muscle contraction and cardiovascular and pulmonary organ systems. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 317 - Integrated Biomedical Sciences IV (3)

This course includes the basic principles, mechanisms, functional changes and metabolic sequelae of human disease impacting cells, organs and systems with particular focus on the components of the blood involved in clotting cascades, immune response to disease, and the gastrointestinal, bone, renal and reproductive systems. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 319 - Foundations of Health and Pharmacy II (3)

This two-course series will address foundational components of the pharmacy profession and incorporate aspects of personal and professional development of student pharmacists. This series will include topics such as the United States' health care system, a brief history of pharmacy, ethics, cultural awareness, pharmacy law and regulatory affairs, professional communication, social and behavioral aspects of practice, and patient safety. In addition, students will develop professional self-awareness, explore contemporary pharmacy practice roles, and develop techniques and skills that will enhance their wellbeing during pharmacy school. This course also will prepare students for their upcoming introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPEs) by introducing foundational concepts and other topics crucial to IPPE success. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 320 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab I (2)

The first course in a series of authentic, hands-on experiences that enable students to develop skills that are essential for exemplary patient care. Students will practice integration of these patient care skills in simulated practice settings. DASH (Developing Academic Success and Health) week will prepare students to foster their success in pharmacy school. SPRINT (Simulating Practice Readiness and Teamwork) weeks will promote student success by ensuring students have the opportunity to assimilate and demonstrate knowledge and skills related to be team and practice ready. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 321 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab II (2)

The second course in a series of authentic, hands-on experiences that enable students to develop skills that are essential for exemplary patient care. Students will practice integration of these patient care skills in simulated practice settings. SPRINT (Simulating Practice Readiness and Teamwork) weeks will promote student success by ensuring students have the opportunity to assimilate and demonstrate knowledge and skills related to be team and practice ready. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 330 - Community Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) (3)

Introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPE) expose students to contemporary pharmacy practice with focused activities in pharmacy operations and introduction to patient care within a community pharmacy. This IPPE links previous didactic coursework to pharmacy practice and serves as a building block for advance pharmacy practice. Offered: Summer.

PHAR 401 - Professional Development and Wellness III (1)

The Professional Development and Wellness series focuses on both the personal and professional development of student pharmacists. Elements included are wellbeing and self-awareness, leadership, entrepreneurship/ innovation, and professionalism. During this course, students will: a) explore techniques and skills that will enhance their wellbeing during pharmacy school, b) introduce students to leadership skills and opportunities, and c) introduce methods for students to position themselves to be successful in the pursuit of their career in the future. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 402 - Applied Biostats and Drug Literature Evaluation (1)

This course is designed to provide students with the fundamental skills needed to critically evaluate, interpret, and apply medical literature (i.e., biostatistical and pharmacoepidemiological data) to improve patient care. The course builds on the research design, drug information resources, and literature retrieval skills introduced to and practiced by students in the first professional year. This course provides students with the requisite skills to facilitate lifelong learning. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 403 - Pharmacy Informatics (1)

This course will prepare contemporary pharmacists to operate in a digital healthcare space to decrease medication misadventures and improve patient health outcomes. Additionally, learners will be able to demonstrate knowledge and awareness of pertinent laws and regulations pertaining to electronic databases that store, analyze, and communicate patient health information. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 404 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy I (4)

This course falls within a course series which integrates the instruction of medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and pharmacotherapy via an organ-system based approach. In this course, students will learn to apply their understanding of this information in order to make rational decisions in the medication management of patients with various cardiovascular disease states. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 405 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy II (4)

This course falls within a course series, which integrates the instruction of medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and pharmacotherapy via an organ-system based approach. In this course students will learn to apply their understanding of this information in order to make rational decisions in the medication management of patients with various renal, gastrointestinal, and nutritional conditions. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 406 - Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacogenomics (3)

This course will provide the foundational aspects of biopharmaceutics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacogenomics. Students will gain an understanding of the mathematical modeling of drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion (ADME), and basic principles in pharmacogenomics and its role in precision medicine. Additionally, the impact of the dosage regimen, drug formulation, and human genetic variation on ensuing therapeutic drug plasma concentrations will be addressed. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 411 - Professional Development and Wellness IV (1)

The Professional Development and Wellness (PDW) series focuses on both the personal and professional development of a pharmacy student. Elements included are self-awareness, leadership, entrepreneurship/ innovation, and professionalism and professional communication. Students will apply their knowledge from prior PDW courses to their plans for professional development during the PharmD program. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 414 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy III (4)

This is the third course of a seven-course series which integrates the instruction of medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and pharmacotherapy via an organ system-based approach. In this course students will learn the organ-systems and disorders in the endocrine, gynecological/obstetric, and urologic areas. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 415 - Applied Science and Pharmacotherapy IV (4)

This is the fourth course of a seven-course series which integrates the instruction of medicinal chemistry, pathophysiology, pharmacology, and pharmacotherapy via an organ system-based approach. In this course students will learn the organ-systems and disorders related to infectious diseases. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 416 - Professional Development and Wellness (2)

The Professional Development and Wellness (PDW) course focuses on both the personal and professional development of a pharmacy student. Elements included are self-awareness, leadership, entrepreneurship/ innovation, career development, and continuous professional development. Prereqs: PHAR 402, PHAR 403, PHAR 404, PHAR 405, PHAR 406, and PHAR 420. Co-reqs: PHAR 414, PHAR 415, PHAR 417, PHAR 418, PHAR 419, and PHAR 421. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 417 - Pharmacy Financial Management and Pharmacoeconomics (2)

This course covers various aspects of financial management involved in pharmacy practice. Topics introduced in the course include, but are not limited to, accounting and financial reporting; budgeting; management functions; supply chain; operations management; risk management; inventory pricing and control; marketing and promotion; general microeconomics and macroeconomics principles. The course also covers basic concepts of pharmacoeconomic methods and their application and interpretation in pharmacy practice. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 418 - Ethics in Healthcare and Christianity (2)

This course is based around six character traits of ethical persons. Students discuss various health care and biblical perspectives on each of these traits with an emphasis on the practical application to the pharmacy profession. Current ethical issues in health care in general and pharmacy in particular are addressed by a variety of teaching and learning modalities. Content will include aspects such as cultural awareness, pharmacy practice management, professional communication, and professional development/social and behavioral aspects of pharmacy practice. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 419 - Sterile Products (1)

This course addresses the broad principles of sterile compounding including the concepts of aseptic technique and personal protective measures, facility considerations for creating an adequate sterile compounding environment, and relevant state and federal pharmacy regulations. In theory, students will apply these principles to the compounding of both non-hazardous and hazardous compounded sterile products (CSPs). Skills imparted through the course include the ability to utilize relevant compounding references from the literature, perform applicable pharmaceutical calculations, and the ability to identify and utilize appropriate compounding tools and equipment necessary for preparing CSPs. Offered: Spring.

PHAR 420 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab III (2)

The third course in a series of authentic, hands-on experiences that enable students to develop skills that are essential for exemplary patient care. Students will practice integration of these patient care skills in simulated practice settings. DASH (Developing Academic Success and Health) week will prepare students for the academic year to foster their success in pharmacy school. SPRINT (Simulating Practice ReadINess and Teamwork) weeks will promote student success by ensuring students have the opportunity to assimilate and demonstrate knowledge and skills related to be team and practice ready. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall.

PHAR 421 - Integrated Pharmacy Lab IV (2)

The fourth course in a series of authentic, hands-on experiences that enable students to develop skills that are essential for exemplary patient care. Students will practice integration of these patient care skills in simulated practice settings. SPRINT (Simulating Practice ReadINess and Teamwork) weeks will promote student success by ensuring students have the opportunity to assimilate and demonstrate knowledge and skills related to be team and practice ready. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Spring.

Physics

Of related interest: IDSC 201 - Scientific Methods (4).

Note on Special Problems courses: A maximum of five credits total for PHYS 461, PHYS 471, and/or PHYS 481 may count toward graduation requirements.

PHYS 100 - Physics for Society (4)

Conceptual survey of many fields of physics with an emphasis on the explanation of everyday physical phenomena. While the course is primarily conceptual in nature, an understanding of high school algebra is necessary for understanding the quantitative concepts in the course. Not applicable to a major or minor in physics; closed to those who have had PHYS 101 or PHYS 203. Includes laboratory. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PHYS 101 - General Physics I (4)

Study of Newtonian mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity, magnetism, and relativity. Includes laboratory. Prereq: Thorough understanding of algebra at the high school level. Offered: Fall and some summers.

PHYS 102 - General Physics II (4)

Study of Newtonian mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity, magnetism, and relativity. Includes laboratory. Prereq: PHYS 101; elementary knowledge of trigonometry desirable though not required. Offered: Spring and some summers.

PHYS 150 - Introduction to Astronomy (4)

Survey of the solar system, stars, and galaxies. Covers the historical development of cosmology, Einstein's special relativity, and dark matter/energy. Includes laboratory. Offered: Fall, Spring, and some summers.

PHYS 203 - Physics I (5)

Study of Newtonian mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity, magnetism, and relativity using calculus. Includes laboratory. Co-req: MATH 240. Offered: Fall.

PHYS 204 - Physics II (5)

Study of Newtonian mechanics, heat, light, sound, electricity, magnetism, and relativity using calculus. Includes laboratory. Prereq: PHYS 203. Co-req: MATH 260. Offered: Spring.

PHYS 206 - Sound and Music (4)

Study of physical principles of production, transmission, and reception of sound. Course cannot count towards a physics major or minor. Includes laboratory. Prereq: High school algebra. Offered: See department chair.

PHYS 310 - Mechanics I (3)

Study of classical mechanics, including motion of planets and comets about the sun, using vector calculus. Includes study of the methods of Lagrange and Hamilton. Prereq: PHYS 101 or PHYS 203. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 311 - Mechanics I Laboratory (1)

Laboratory companion course to PHYS 310. Offered: Spring, on rotation. Co-req: PHYS 310.

PHYS 330 - Electricity and Magnetism I (3)

Study of electromagnetic interaction, featuring Maxwell's equations. Prereqs: MATH 270, and either PHYS 203 and PHYS 204, or PHYS 101 and PHYS 102. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 331 - Electricity and Magnetism I Laboratory (1)

Laboratory companion course to PHYS 330. Co-req: PHYS 330. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 334 - Electronics (4)

Introduction to modern electronics. Includes laboratory. Prereqs: PHYS 203 and PHYS 204 or PHYS 101 and PHYS 102. Offered: See department chair.

PHYS 335 - Digital Electronics and Circuits (4)

This is an introductory course to digital electronics where we cover the basic principles, components, and circuit fragments that are used in everyday devices. This course has an integrated laboratory component so that you can develop practical facility in addition to technical literacy. Prereq: PHYS 334. Offered: On rotation.

PHYS 340 - Optics (3)

Introduction to optics. Prereqs: PHYS 203 and PHYS 204 or PHYS 101 and PHYS 102; and MATH 260. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 341 - Optics Laboratory (1)

Laboratory companion course to PHYS 340. Co-req: PHYS 340. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 350 - Modern Physics I (3)

Study of x-rays, atomic and nuclear physics, radioactivity, relativity, and quantum mechanics. Prereqs: PHYS 203 and PHYS 204, or PHYS 101 and PHYS 102. Co-req: MATH 260. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 351 - Modern Physics I Laboratory (1)

Laboratory companion course to PHYS 350. Co-req: PHYS 350. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 360 - Modern Physics II (3)

Continued study of quantum mechanics from Modern Physics I (PHYS 350). Includes applications of quantum mechanics to atomic, nuclear, solid-state, and laser physics. Prereq: PHYS 350. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 380 - Theoretical Methods in Physics and Engineering (3)

This course covers the advanced concepts, techniques, and mathematical manipulations needed to prepare sophomore and junior physics majors for their upper-level physics courses. Unlike a typical upper-level math class where the emphasis is on proofs of theorems, this course is geared to understanding why the structures and techniques work and to practice using the structures/techniques in context of practical physics or engineering problems. Prereqs: MATH 270 and PHYS 102 or PHYS 204. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 390 - Computational Methods (3)

This course will provide an overview of computational methods using modern tools to gain insight from either acquired experimental data or simulations approximating complex physical systems. Students will gain experience using essential computational tools such as the Python programming language, Mathematica, Matlab/Octave, and the Linux operating system. In addition to analyzing experimental data, this course will focus on numerical solutions to complex problems that are intractable with analytical techniques. Prereq: PHYS 102 or PHYS 204. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

PHYS 410 - Mechanics II (3)

Continuation of PHYS 310 (Mechanics I). Prereqs: PHYS 310 and MATH 330. Offered: See department chair.

PHYS 420 - Thermal Physics (4)

Study of theories and concepts of thermodynamics, kinetic theory, and statistical mechanics, including Maxwell-Boltzmann, Bose-Einstein, and Fermi-Dirac statistics. Prereqs: PHYS 203 and PHYS 204, or PHYS 101 and PHYS 102; and MATH 260. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 422 - Advanced Laboratory 1 (2)

Course gives students familiarity with experimental physics research and the experimentalist's approach to studying physics. Prereq: PHYS 102 or PHYS 204. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 430 - Electricity and Magnetism II (3)

Continuation of PHYS 330 (Electricity and Magnetism I). Prereqs: MATH 270 and PHYS 330. Offered: See department chair.

PHYS 432 - Advanced Laboratory 2 (2)

Course gives students familiarity with experimental physics research and the experimentalist's approach to studying physics. Prereq: PHYS 102 or PHYS 204. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 440 - Nuclear Physics Concepts and Applications (3)

This course is focused primarily on nuclear physics and the science associated with the topic. It is a basic undergraduate level treatment of nuclear physics with an emphasis on interaction of radiation with matter, nuclear reactions, and decay processes. Essential ideas of nuclear structure, stability of nuclei, and quantum characterization of nuclear energy levels are covered. Nuclear weapon effects, policy, proliferation, testing, deterrence, and other topics related to defense applications will be addressed. A practical understanding and interpretation of nuclear data and mechanics to serve the needs of a physicist are stressed. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

PHYS 454 - Quantum Mechanics (3)

Study of the formulations of Schrodinger, Heisenberg, and Dirac. Includes applications to atomic and nuclear physics. Prereqs: PHYS 360 and MATH 270, or permission of the department chair. Offered: See department chair.

PHYS 461 - Special Problems (1)

Intended primarily for juniors and seniors in the physical sciences and mathematics. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

PHYS 471 - Special Problems (2)

Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

PHYS 481 - Special Problems (3)

Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

PHYS 491 - Seminar (1)

May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

PHYS 499 - Senior Thesis (4)

Capstone course and advanced research experience leading to a significant senior thesis in physics. Each student is required to design, conduct, analyze, write up, and present an original research project under the supervision of a faculty member. Experimental, theoretical, or computational physics topics are acceptable. Prereqs: Physics majors with senior standing and permission of the department chair. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Political Science

POLS 200 - Power and Politics (4)

Introduction to the field of political science. Focus on political communities and the way in which groups organize to form governments. This is done in reference to the concept of democracy and the way in which political communities either attain or fall short of the democratic ideal. Required of political science majors. Offered: Fall and Spring.

POLS 205 - Introduction to American Politics (4)

Survey of the structures and processes of the American political system with an emphasis on citizen participation. Required of political science majors. Offered: Fall and Spring.

POLS 210 - Introduction to World Politics (4)

The aim of the course is to introduce students to the main themes, concepts, arguments, and debates in the study of world politics. Offered: Fall.

POLS 301 - Methods and Practice of Political Science (4)

Introduction to political science methods and research tactics. Emphasis on integration of qualitative and quantitative analysis. Required of political science majors. Offered: Spring.

POLS 302 - Conflict, Justice, and Peace (4)

Develops an analytical and theoretical framework for examining the dynamics of conflict, violence, and injustice and the strategies that have been employed to attain peace and justice. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 305 - American Political Institutions (4)

Study of the political process in America, focusing on national political institutions. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 310 - U. S. Foreign Policy (4)

Review of the development of the cardinal principles of American foreign policy, the changing role of the United States in international relations, and historic aspects of American diplomacy.

POLS 312 - State and Local Government (4)

Study of the structure and functioning of various state and local governments.

POLS 313 - International Organization (4)

Explores the challenges to cooperation amongst state actors and the efforts of various international organizations to coordinate states' actions, regulate interstate political and economic relations, and minimize international conflict. Offered: Fall.

POLS 315 - Topics in Political Theory (4)

Intensive study of western political philosophy, presenting selected topics such as systems of thought (the classic Greeks, the democratic, the socialist) or time periods (medieval to Machiavellian, early modern to Rousseau, recent and contemporary). Students may substitute PHIL 301 or PHIL 302 for POLS 315. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

POLS 316 - Public Administration (4)

Overview of the scope and methods of public administration, emphasizing political aspects. Reviews the growth and development of public administration as a field of intellectual inquiry; considers the role of administration in the political process and in policymaking; and examines the political relationships of the administrative environment.

POLS 318 - Nonprofits and Civil Society (4)

This course is an introduction to the topics relevant to the nonprofit and civil society sector, with a focus on U.S.-based nonprofits that provide service in the fields of education, health and human services, arts and culture, and international affairs. The course covers traditional topics related to nonprofit organizations, including the theoretical foundations of the sector, leadership, accountability, capacity-building, marketing and communications, financial management, volunteer management, and advocacy and lobbying. The course also strives to introduce the diverse and changing nonprofit philanthropic landscape through discussion of resource development, and related concepts and tools such as community foundations, social entrepreneurship, impact investing, and global philanthropy. Offered: On rotation.

POLS 319 - International Relations (4)

Historical and analytical study of the U.S. and the international community since WWII, surveying the political, military, and economic struggles of the major powers and third-world nations.

POLS 321 - Russian Politics (4)

Covers the Russian region in its diverse geographic, historical, cultural, economic, and political settings. Examines the problems of building nations and states, democratizing authoritarian regimes, reforming command economies, and responding to new security threats. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 322 - Latin American Politics (4)

Examination of the politics of Latin America. Compares and contrasts nations from the Caribbean, and North, Central, and South America. Uses history and theory to understand larger forces at work in these regions and focuses on specific cases and accounts to bring out the human drama of Latin America.

POLS 323 - African Politics (4)

Study of social, economic, and political dimensions of Africa from the 19th century to the present. Special focus on state-society relations.

POLS 326 - American Political Thought (4)

Examines the political ideas, figures, and movements of American democracy well as the relationship between religion and politics, rights, federalism, and national identity. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 330 - Classical Political Thought (4)

Introduction to the most influential philosophical texts of the ancient world, with attention paid to the context of Greek cultural development.

POLS 332 - Human Rights (4)

Explores the concept of human rights, defined as the rights which each human being, upon birth, automatically enjoys, regardless of the race, religion, political system, or gender into which he or she is born. Offered: Fall.

POLS 333 - Genocide (4)

Study of genocide, working toward an understanding of what might seem impossible to understand: why people and institutions have attempted to exterminate a distinct racial, cultural, or ethnic group; the conditions which give rise to these efforts; and the extent to which the world is becoming more or less hospitable to genocide.

POLS 334 - Terrorism (4)

Examination of the theories, literature, and policies of terrorism and counterterrorism in order to understand better the contemporary terrorist's motivations and strategy.

POLS 335 - Medieval and Christian Political Theory (4)

Close reading of original texts with a view to gaining insight into the medieval approach to learning. Focus on Thomas Aquinas' view of Natural Law. Themes of medieval political life are described in light of Thomas' union of classical and Christian themes.

POLS 337 - Elections and Political Participation (4)

Study of electoral behavior and other forms of political participation, including questions about who votes and why, what influences voter choice, and whether changes in turnout influence policy.

POLS 340 - Political Parties and Interest Groups (4)

Examination of the historical development, current development, institutional ramifications, and central explanatory theories of the most pervasive conduits of mass political participation, political parties, and interest groups.

POLS 345 - Modern Political Theory (4)

Introduction to the major texts in modern political theory. Focus on interpretation of the most influential texts of the modern period, beginning with Machiavelli and concluding with Marx, with attention paid to the context of European cultural, economic, and political development.

POLS 348 - Riots, Rebellion, and Revolution (4)

Comparison of the English, French, Russian, and Chinese Revolutions, with a goal of understanding the political factors involved in radical political change.

POLS 351 - European Politics (4)

Descriptions of structure; analysis of functioning.

POLS 352 - Italian Politics (4)

Introduction to Italian politics from the beginning of the 19th century to today with a special emphasis on the distinctive Italian political culture. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 355 - Politics in Film (4)

In-depth assessment of the treatment of political themes in film.

POLS 356 - Politics and Literature (4)

A study of selected works of literature that articulate visions of political order and disorder with specific focus on the political themes of equality, justice, and pluralism. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)

Geographic perspective of the past, present, and future of the American city. Topics include the historic roots of cities, development of the U.S. urban system, transportation, and the shaping of cities; social, political, and economic dynamics of urban areas; urban growth, decline, and revitalization; suburbanization; and challenges facing cities in the 21st century. Cross-listed with GEOG 360 and SOCI 360. Offered: Spring.

POLS 361 - Bridging London (4)

Field-based exploration of the geography of London and its environs. Students investigate historical development, commerce, naval power, imperialism, colonialism, scientific achievement, industrial revolution, financial systems, economic frameworks, transportation, governance, urban design, community, culture, society, ethnicity, international significance, and the intersection between globalization and urbanization. Cross-listed with CLAS 361, GEOG 361, SOCI 361

POLS 363 - Politics of Developing Nations (4)

Study of the developing nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Examination of their societies, the impact of European Colonialism, and their problems since independence.

POLS 365 - Women in U.S. Politics (4)

Examination of how the U.S. Government's relationship to its female citizens has changed through the years and how important gender is in determining political attitudes and participation. Students encounter and assess competing perspectives on current issues in women's and gender politics.

POLS 370 - Men and Women in War and Peace (4)

Investigation of contemporary gender issues in world politics, with emphasis on cultural politics, women and development, gender and war, and civil and human rights.

POLS 390 - Monarchs, Bishops, and Martyrs: The English Reformation (4)

Study of historical and religious factors of the English Reformation. Course is taught in London with visits to historical sites. Cross-listed with BREL 376.

POLS 392 - Geographies of Africa (4)

Presents a geographical exploration of Africa, focusing primarily on cultural issues. A broad range of topics will be investigated including African stereotypes, environmental crises, social geographies of gender and religion, legacies of colonialism, and the impact of development policies throughout the region. Cross-listed with GEOG 392. Offered: On rotation.

POLS 394 - Development Economics (3)

Cross-disciplinary introduction to the scope, causes, and consequences of poverty. Examination of the various measures of poverty as well as economic theories to explain differences in income, wealth, and economic growth among regions. Emphasis on understanding poverty issues from a Biblical perspective. Course material examines a wide variety of anti-poverty strategies used by faith-based organizations and international nonprofit agencies.

Cross-listed with ECON 394. Offered: May Term.

POLS 395 - Giants of Asia: China and India in the 21st Century (4)

Focuses on exploring these two giant countries and understanding their emergence as important world powers in the 21st century. The course investigates the physical environment, history, culture, economy, and politics that help shape these two countries. Cross-listed with GEOG 395. Offered: On rotation.

POLS 396 - Asian Politics (4)

This course examines Asian politics with attention to the United States, China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and India, and the controversies that animate politics among them. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 397 - Andes to Amazon: Physical Landscapes of Latin America (4)

Study of the geographical forces that influence the landscapes of Latin America and how they change over time. This course is organized by substantive topics rather than by country. Topics include regional specific plate tectonics, weather systems, oceanographic systems, and river systems. Prereq: GEOG 150. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 398 - The Alabama Constitution and Politics (4)

This course focuses on contemporary state and local politics, policy, and Constitution of Alabama. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

POLS 410 - Game Theory (4)

Elementary examination of the theory of games and strategic behavior with an emphasis on applications. Topics discussed include strategic form games, extensive form games, and games of asymmetric and incomplete information. Various equilibrium concepts also discussed. The course will apply game theoretic concepts to strategic behavior in the social sciences, particularly economics and political science, with applications ranging from cartel behavior to international diplomacy. Prereq: POLS 301. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 417 - Political Communication (4)

Focuses on the relationship between media and politics by examining presidential speeches, social movements, and efforts to shape public opinion in the modern era. Cross-listed with COMS 417. Offered: Spring.

POLS 430 - Politics of Education (4)

Exploration of the inseparable relationship between politics and education. The topic of education will be used to examine the fundamental features of the American political system. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 435 - Legislative Process (4)

Study of state and national legislatures, their internal structures, constituents, and legislators.

POLS 436 - The Executive Branch (4)

This course considers the constitutional aims of the Presidency, the effects of the officeholder on American politics, and the President's role in world affairs. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 437 - Judicial Politics and Courts (4)

The study of law and courts in American politics with a focus on legal, ideological, strategic, and institutional behavior. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 443 - American Public Policy (4)

Examination of the major political, social, economic, and technological forces influencing and shaping the nature, content, and outcomes of public policy in the United States.

POLS 444 - Introduction to Jurisprudence (4)

Introduction to standard approaches to jurisprudence and their various applications to the legal and political world. Offered: Spring.

POLS 445 - Constitutional Law (4)

This course explores the development of constitutional law in the areas of the judiciary, executive, legislature, separation of powers, federalism, the commerce power, the tax and spend power, contract, economic substantive due process, and the taking clauses. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 446 - Civil Liberties and Free Speech (4)

This course explores the development of constitutional law in the areas of the second amendment, free speech, freedom of the press, free expression, privacy, religion, race, equal protection, the rights of the criminally accused, and voting and representation. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 447 - Christian Statespersons and Politics (4)

This course examines the classical and Christian accounts of statespersons and how their values and principles can be employed to manage current public affairs. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 449 - International Law (4)

An introduction to international law and institutions with an emphasis on nongovernmental organizations, civil society, and individuals. Rather than focusing on national legal systems, this course will concentrate on how law has emerged and evolved in the global system. Offered: Fall.

POLS 450 - Law and the World (4)

Introduction to the complex issues involved in comparing the various legal systems around the world.

POLS 451 - Forced Migration and Refugees: Law, Policies, and Practice (4)

Examination of migration and refugee policies from a global, political, and institutional perspective. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 452 - Authoritarianism and Democracy (4)

Explores the sources of authoritarian regime collapse and the subsequent development of new political institutions in the direction of democracy or some new form of authoritarianism. Case studies of different post-authoritarian regimes provide the empirical bases for the course. Offered: Fall on rotation.

POLS 453 - The State (4)

Explores the origins of the modern state and different theoretical perspectives on the role of the state in society and the international system. Also includes contemporary challenges to state sovereignty and the phenomenon of "failed states" in the international system. Offered: Fall.

POLS 454 - Current Controversies in Public Policy and the Law (4)

Examination of current controversies to understand how legal and public policy problems are identified, prioritized, and formed into policy. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

POLS 458 - Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation (4)

This course is designed as an exploration of policy analysis and program evaluation methods with particular attention to the role of public administration. Topics include measurement, research design, working with stakeholders, techniques, and best practices for incorporating, evaluation with planning, implementation, budgeting, and human resource management. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

POLS 460 - Internship (2-4)

Student internships in local, state, national, and international offices and agencies under supervision of the instructor. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits.

POLS 461 - Research and Writing (4)

Study of methods and techniques used in various aspects of political science, including bibliography, primary and secondary sources, statistics, computerized materials, etc.

POLS 462 - International Studies (4)

Independently arranged study from a first-hand, on-site perspective of an international organization, foreign country or countries, or direct involvement in an international study program in the United States. Prereq: Permission of the department chair.

POLS 465 - Senior Seminar in Political Science (4)

Capstone course for political science and international relations majors in research and methodology of those fields. Required of political science majors. Prereq: POLS 301. Offered: Fall.

POLS 479 - Rise of the British State (4)

Examination of the emergence of the national government in Britain over the last 500 years through the lens of government's growing impact on citizens' daily life.

POLS 499 - Special Topics in Political Science (4)

Unique, one-time courses offered either by visiting professors or as experimental advanced courses by members of the department. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different.

Pre-Law

PLAW 100 - Mock Trial (1)

For students interested in developing trial advocacy skills; practical course offering preparation for mock trial competition. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Psychology

PSYC 101 - General Psychology (4)

Comprehensive overview of the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Topics include neuroscience, sensation and perception, learning, cognition, development, personality, behavior disorders, psychotherapy, and social psychology. This course is a prerequisite for all other courses in psychology. Psychology majors may not use this course to meet the general education social science requirement. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 102 - Careers and Skills in Psychology and Neuroscience (2)

This course will provide students with an overview of the disciplines of psychology and neuroscience, including expectations for the majors and career options for students completing a bachelor or graduate degree in psychology or neuroscience. Skills required for library research, writing in American Psychological Association style, and ethical and professional issues will be discussed. Assignments include readings, Careers and Skills in Psychology and Neuroscience database and internet searches, guest speakers, in-class exercises, written assignments, and group discussions. Offered: Spring.

PSYC 203 - Psychology of Adjustment (4)

Study of adaptation to life and psychological growth. Includes analysis of adjustment to life stressors and attention to personal growth. Prereq: PSYC 101.

PSYC 205 - Life-Span Development (4)

Survey of the development of human thought and behavior from conception to death. Emphasis is placed on the physical, moral, social, emotional, and cognitive developmental tasks at each phase of the life span. Students who take both this course and PSYC 210 may count only one of them toward the major or minor. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 210 - Child and Adolescent Psychology (4)

Examination of psychological development from conception through adolescence. This course focuses on the various influences on development and on the characteristic social, cognitive, and perceptual functioning during the pre-adult life span. Students who take both this course and PSYC 205 may count only one of them toward the major or minor. Prereq: PSYC 101.

PSYC 211 - Special Topics in Psychology and Neuroscience (4)

Coverage of a particular topic in psychology that is not normally examined in depth in the regular course offerings. Designed to introduce students to a special research interest of a faculty member or a newly emerging area of psychology. Topics vary with each instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different, with permission of the department chair. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: As needed.

PSYC 215 - Psychopathology (4)

Study of the symptomatology, etiology, epidemiology, and treatment of psychological disorders. Includes focus on current research and theory. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Every Term.

PSYC 220 - Theories of Personality (4)

Exploration of the theory and assessment of human personality. Examination of specific theoretical perspectives, including psychodynamic, trait, humanistic, and social learning perspectives. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Fall.

PSYC 225 - Health Psychology (4)

This course will survey theory and research involving the interaction of the body and the mind in physical and mental health. There will be an emphasis on psychological, biological, and stress factors in physical health. The effects of physical health and lifestyle on psychological well-being will also be discussed. Other topics will include seeking and receiving care; adhering to healthy behavior; defining, measuring, and managing stress; understanding and managing pain; immunity, disease, and alternative treatments. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 250 - Sport Psychology (4)

An introduction to the field of sport psychology, with a focus on psychological intervention in sport, in both theoretical and applied fashions. Students will learn to utilize specific theoretical perspectives to address limitations and difficulties in athlete performance. While there will be projects requiring students to consider and report on progress of their own performance, it is not assumed that all students enrolled will be athletes, and accommodations will be made as needed. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PSYC 301 - Internship (2-4)

Observation and/or work with professionals in any approved setting where psychologists, or similarly trained professionals, are employed. An academic component complements the work experience. Students may take this course up to two times for credit, as long as internship placements differ. This course does not count toward the psychology major or minor. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101, and permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 304 - Social Psychology (4)

Examination of the influence of social context on an individual's thoughts and behavior. Topics covered include social perception and cognition, attribution, attitude formation, prejudice and discrimination, interpersonal attraction and relationships, social influence, prosocial behavior, and aggression. Research seeks to understand causes of social behavior and thought by scientific study of cognitive processes, biological factors, behavior and characteristics of others, culture, and physical environment. Prereqs: Eight (8) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

PSYC 305 - Statistical Methods in Psychological Research (4)

Acquisition of fundamental statistical skills for describing and analyzing data within psychology. Emphasis on the appropriate application of these methods for designing, conducting, and interpreting research. This course and PSYC 306 form a two-semester sequence on experimental design and methodology. Completion of MATH 210 to fulfill the general education math requirement is recommended, but not required, for this course. Prereqs: Eight (8) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101, and completion of the general education mathematics requirement or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

PSYC 306 - Research Methods (4)

Study and implementation of all phases of psychological research. Includes literature searches, experimental design, data collection, and statistical analysis, as well as both written and oral presentations of psychological research. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology and PSYC 305. Offered: Spring

PSYC 310 - Applied Psychology (4)

Overview of different ways in which psychological theory and research are applied to real world situations. Topics of study generally include business and industrial applications such as industrial/organizational psychology and human factors, community applications such as health and environmental psychology, and human development applications such as educational and sport psychology. Prereqs: Eight (8) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101.

PSYC 312 - Psychopharmacology (4)

Survey of factors related to both therapeutic and recreational use of psychoactive drugs. Physiological mechanisms as well as psychosocial and cultural issues are examined. Emphasis placed on using scientific research to separate myth from reality. Prereqs: Eight (8) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 314 - Sensation and Perception (4)

The field of sensation and perception examines our experience of the world through our senses. This field of study examines how we take in information from the world through our senses, organize and interpret it, and use the resulting perception as the basis of thought and action. This course will examine the mechanisms of sensation and perception and all the factors that affect it. Prereq: PSYC 101. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 324 - Human Sexuality (4)

Examination of human sexuality from multidisciplinary perspectives. Students study the biological, spiritual, psychosocial, and cultural dimensions of sexuality. Prereq: PSYC 101.

PSYC 328 - Behavioral Neuroscience (4)

Examination of the physiological basis of thought and behavior through a thorough study of the anatomy and physiology of the nervous system, particularly the processing of sensation and movement. Emphasis also placed on the neural mechanisms underlying behaviors related to sleep and rhythms, hunger and thirst, reproduction, learning, emotion, and mental illness. Prereqs: Eight (8) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101. Offered: Spring.

PSYC 401 - Journal Seminar (1)

Discussion and critical analysis of original research articles with faculty in a seminar format. Objectives include teaching students how to read and critique primary source articles in preparation for graduate-level work. This course may be taken more than once for credit but does not count toward the psychology major or minor. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101, and permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

PSYC 402 - History of Psychology (4)

Examination of the study of behavior from an historical perspective. Development of current systems of psychological thought is traced from the pre-Greeks through the major periods of history. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101.

PSYC 404 - Approaches to Counseling and Psychotherapy (4)

Exploration of theory and clinical applications of psychotherapy and treatment of psychological disorders. Includes an overview of counseling theories and application of these concepts as well as an exploration of professional issues in clinical practice. This course is intended for advanced psychology majors. Prereqs: Psychology major with upper-level standing, eight (8) credits of upper-level psychology, PSYC 215, and permission of the instructor.

PSYC 405 - Measurement and Assessment (4)

Study of the process of mental measurement and assessment of human characteristics and performance. Includes examination of test construction and processes to measure psychological adjustment and functioning, intelligence and educational achievement, personality, attitude, vocational interest, and occupational functioning. Psychometric research aims to improve validity of measures used in basic psychological research and applied in clinical, educational, and industrial/occupational settings. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology and PSYC 305.

PSYC 408 - Theories of Learning (4)

Overview of the major theories of learning, with a focus on historical influences and current applications. Includes training and application of learning principles. Prereqs: Twelve (12) credits in psychology, including PSYC 101. Offered: Fall.

PSYC 409 - Cognitive Psychology (4)

Comprehensive introduction to the study of human thought processes such as learning, attention, encoding, remembering, and forgetting. Topics such as language, imagery, artificial intelligence, cognitive neuroscience, problem solving, and decision making are also considered. Prereqs: PSYC 101, plus eight (8) credits of upper-level psychology. Offered: Spring.

PSYC 410 - Directed Research (4)

Senior capstone course that provides students with an individualized, advanced research experience. Under the supervisions of a faculty mentor, students review literature, design and conduct an original research project, and analyze data using computer statistical software. Students interpret and write up results within APA format and make an oral presentation of the study. Prereq: Psychology major or minor with junior or senior standing and completion of PSYC 306, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall.

PSYC 411 - Advanced Special Topics in Psychology and Neuroscience (2-4)

Coverage of a particular topic in psychology that is not normally examined in depth in the regular course offerings. Designed to teach students about a special research interest of a faculty member or a newly emerging area of psychology. Topics vary with each instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different, with permission of the department chair. Prereqs: PSYC 101, junior standing, and eight (8) credits of upper-level psychology or permission of the instructor.

PSYC 412 - Senior Seminar (4)

Senior capstone course in seminar format. Integration of theories and research presented in previous psychology courses, while providing opportunities to design and conduct an applied research study and to explore post-baccalaureate career and educational goals. Specific course content and format varies to remain topical and applicable to student and instructor interests. Students planning to graduate in December may take this course in the spring semester of their junior year. Prereqs: PSYC 101; psychology major or minor with junior or senior standing or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring.

Public Health

PHLT 101 - Introduction to Public Health (3)

This course provides students with the history and philosophy of public health as well as its core values, concepts, and functions across the globe and in society. Emphasis is placed on the scientific and social basis for public health practice, plus the impact of critical public health concerns on society. Professional disciplines, organizations, and methods that interact to improve the public's health are addressed. Offered: Spring.

PHLT 201 - Disease Detectives: Introduction to Epidemiology (3)

This course will introduce students to careers in epidemiology, including basic principles and tools used, and how they are applied to decision-making. The course will include basic research designs, estimating outcome measures, and establishing cause and effect and effectiveness of interventions to prevent and cure disease. Cross-listed with HCAD 201. Offered: Fall.

PHLT 202 - Introduction to Global Health (3)

This course examines social, behavioral, and cultural factors that have an impact on global health. We will consider how health is influenced by factors such as age, gender, culture, race, ethnicity, and social class. Public health problems and their solutions will be analyzed in light of individual risk factors as well as larger structural forces. Multiple global health systems will be explored. Offered: On rotation.

PHLT 232 - Biostatistics: Numbers that Matter (3)

This is an introductory biostatistics course that explores the foundation and investigates the role of statistics in public health and healthcare. Various statistical methods used in practice and research will be explored with an emphasis on application and interpretation of results through a combination of lectures and problem-solving activities using various statistical software packages. No prior computing experience is required. Cross-listed with HCAD 220. Offered: Spring.

PHLT 301 - Behavior Changes at the Individual, Family, and Community Level (3)

Health promotion, education, and prevention programs ultimately focus on changing health behavior. This course is intended to provide students in public health a solid grounding in social/behavioral theory and its application to health promotion programs. Offered: Fall.

PHLT 302 - Health Communications for Health Professionals (3)

This course addresses the basic concepts of public health-specific communication, including technical and professional writing, risk communication, and the use of mass media and electronic technology for population-based interventions. Offered: Spring.

PHLT 309 - Cultural Competence and Spirituality in Public Health (3)

This service-learning course is designed to provide students with proper knowledge and skills to work with diverse populations, develop cross-cultural competence, and identify and utilize culturally appropriate strategies in health care delivery and health promotion. Students will develop and demonstrate their cultural competence in weekly community engagement. Class time and assignments will support reflection on the community engagement experience, students' learning, and cultural and spiritual dimensions of health. Cross-listed with HCAD 304. Offered: Fall.

PHLT 311 - Healthcare Systems, Organization, and Policy (3)

This course provides students with an overview of the U.S. health system. Topics covered include the historical foundations and evolution, resources, processes, and outcomes of the U.S. healthcare system. The role of health policy in shaping the system's evolution in the past, present, and future is also considered. Cross-listed with HCAD 301 and HIIM 311. Offered: Fall.

PHLT 326 - Population Health, Determinants, and Risk (3)

This course addresses the underlying science of human health and disease including opportunities for promoting and protecting health across the life span. The determinants of health (SES, employment, social environments, physical environments, healthy child development, personal health practices and coping skills, health services, social support networks, biology and genetic endowment, gender and culture) will be discussed and their impact on health and health disparities will be explored.

PHLT 401 - Community Health Improvement and Assessment (3)

This course introduces students to the concepts and methods of community health improvement and the role of assessment. This course will cover important community health topics including systems thinking that leads to coordination of health care and public health activities to achieve community health goals; the nature of health and its determinants; the use of quantitative and qualitative methods; data analysis; community mobilization and capacity building; and the impact of current national policy, including the Affordable Care Act, on community health improvement.

PHLT 403 - Water, Wastewater, and Environmental Health (3)

This course explores the relationships between the environment we live in and health outcomes and practical solutions for addressing environmental health problems, with a particular focus on water and sanitation in both developing and industrialized countries. Through class discussions and experiential activities, students will apply a range of public health skills to the field of environmental health. Offered: On rotation.

PHLT 405 - International Health Field Study (3)

This course explores the health system and determinants of health in a given country to understand what influences population health. The historical foundation and evolution of the public health and medical care systems in the field study country are examined. The determinants of health such as biological/genetic factors, individual behaviors, social, cultural, and economic factors, physical environment, and health services infrastructure are considered. The role of national policies in shaping the system's evolution and population health is also examined. Students will be able to compare and contrast an international health system to the U.S. health system. Prereq: Permission of the instructor.

PHLT 407 - Management of Public Health Programs (3)

This course addresses the fundamental concepts and features of project implementation including planning, assessment, and evaluation. Students will develop measurable program goals and objectives. Planning models will be presented, implementation steps identified, and program evaluation frameworks for public health will be utilized. Resource management (human and financial) will be covered.

PHLT 450 - Environmental Community Health Fieldwork Experience (3)

This course will explore the impacts of biological and environmental perturbations on community health, and address issues of environmental health and justice. Students will engage with community members to understand the local health and environmental impacts of a selected issue and their relationships to social determinants. Students will prepare a report that may be used by community/advocacy partners to promote health in the community. Hybrid course that employs both online preparation and regional travel.

PHLT 475 - Addressing Health Inequities (3)

Despite improvements in the overall health of many populations and recent major policy initiatives to ensure better access to health, significant differences in the health and wellness outcomes of different groups remain. For example, income inequality is associated with poorer health outcomes, and efforts to minimize these inequalities have not always been successful at improving the lives of the most vulnerable. In this course, students will 1) describe the patterns of health inequity, distinguishing between key theoretical concepts such as inequality, inequity, and disparities; race and ethnicity; vulnerability and marginalization; 2) explain the macro- and micro-level causes of health inequities in different contexts; and 3) develop and evaluate strategies to address inequities in health access and outcomes.

PHLT 499 - Public Health Integrative Experience (3)

This course is designed for public health students to integrate, synthesize, and apply knowledge acquired during their coursework through cumulative and experiential activities. All students will complete a cumulative, integrated, scholarly/applied experience that serves as a capstone for the bachelor of science in public health degree. These experiences may include internships, service-learning projects, or research papers. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

School of the Arts - Interdisciplinary Courses

SOA 200 - Arts in Society (3)

This course provides students with a working knowledge of the meaning and importance of the arts as a product of the creative imagination in a dynamic interaction with a society. Its purpose is to develop deeper understanding of human expression in the context of global and national development. Satisfies the general education fine arts requirement for non-School of the Arts majors. Prereqs/Co-reqs: UCS 102, UCT 101, and UCT 102. Offered: Every semester.

SOA 210 - Voices of Freedom (3)

This course provides students with a working knowledge of the meaning and importance of the arts as a product of the creative imagination in a dynamic interaction with a society. Its purpose is to develop deeper understanding of human expression in the context of global and national development and explore

the impact of the arts as a voice of freedom in oppressive circumstances. This course meets the general education fine arts requirement. Prereqs/Co-reqs: UCS 102, UCT 101, and UCT 102. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SOA 250 - Arts Perspective (3)

This course will explore the language and application of "arts" across the disciplines of music, theatre, and visual arts in order to develop a deeper understanding of the creative imagination in a dynamic interaction with society. Satisfies the general education fine arts requirement for School of the Arts majors. Prereqs/Co-reqs: UCS 102, UCT 101, and UCT 102. Offered: Every semester.

School of the Arts - Core Courses

SOA 101 - Purpose and Professionalism (2)

First-year students are introduced to concepts of community, worldview, artistic awareness, good study habits, and professionalism through shared artistic activities, discussion, and self-reflection with application to specific divisions within the School of the Arts. Offered: Fall.

SOA 301 - Creative Investigation in Practice (2)

Through analysis, students will examine and apply various processes related to creative work in the arts by exploring how professionals in their field develop works of art and by developing a unique project proposal to be implemented in SOA 460, SOA 470, or SOA 480. Prereqs: SOA 101 and SOA 250. Offered: Spring.

SOA 460 - Senior Project: Art and Design (6)

Implementation and public presentation of a focused individual or collaborative investigation under the direction of a primary and secondary advisor. The final course in the School of the Arts sequence. Must have approval. Individual sections by program of study. Prereqs: SOA 200 or SOA 250, and IARC 310. Offered: Fall and Spring.

SOA 470 - Senior Project: Music (6)

Implementation and presentation of a focused individual or collaborative project under the direction of a primary and secondary advisor. This is the capstone course in the School of the Arts Archetype sequence. Prereqs: SOA 101, SOA 250, and SOA 301. Offered: Fall and Spring.

SOA 480 - Senior Project: Theatre (6)

Implementation and public presentation of a focused individual or collaborative investigation under the direction of a primary and secondary advisor. The final course in the School of the Arts sequence. Must have approval. Individual sections by program. Prereqs: SOA 101, SOA 250, and SOA 301. Offered: Fall and Spring.

Sociology

SOCI 100 - Introduction to Sociology (4)

Introduction to the way sociologists view society. Questions explored include: Why is society organized the way it is? How and why do different societies establish different patterns of organization? How does society influence individuals? How and why does society change or remain the same over time? What factors in society influence occurrences such as social conflict, violence, crime, sexual deviance, social inequity, gender relations, religious practices, etc.?

SOCI 101 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (4)

Examination of theories and problems in social and cultural anthropology. Discussion of the historical development of cultural anthropology, methods of inquiry, focal problems, and contemporary theoretical perspectives focusing upon an introduction to worldwide cultural diversity.

SOCI 205 - Sociology of Race and Ethnic Relations (4)

Exploration of historic social forces that shaped specific definitions, rivalries, prejudices and outcomes of race and ethnicity in North America. Examples of other racial and ethnic stratification provide critical/analytic comparisons with North America. Examination of the future of race and ethnicity through analysis of the socially constructed pathways that led to contemporary society.

SOCI 300 - Quantitative Analysis in the Social Sciences (4)

This course is intended as a practical introduction to a variety of non-experimental quantitative techniques for doing social scientific research. Our most general goal is to give students the tools (1) to be producers of high-quality social scientific research using appropriate statistical tools and (2) to be thoughtful consumers of social scientific research produced by others. The course is divided into three units (1) a review of univariate statistics and simple bivariate analysis, (2) an introduction to hypothesis testing and inferential statistics, and (3) an overview of multivariate analytical logic and statistical techniques. Students will also learn how to apply these statistical tests in spatial analyses in GIS. Offered: Fall.

SOCI 302 - Social Relationships and Networks (4)

Social life takes place within multiple social networks that fundamentally shape our lives. The most obvious of these types of networks are popular social networking sites, such as Facebook and Twitter/X. Yet networks proliferate in numerous other contexts. Friendships, work organizations, the transmission of disease, criminal gangs, and international organizations all can be represented in this manner. Social networks consist of actors and the sets of ties among them, where the actors can be individuals, groups, organizations, nation states, or several other entities. Using social network analysis, insight can be gained into a number of complex, social processes. The study of social networks, or "network science," represents one of the "hottest topics" of general scientific interest across a wide variety of fields of inquiry. Students taking this course will obtain a deeper understanding of societal network processes, and they will develop several new and emerging skills from this area that can be used to visualize and analyze networked information. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

SOCI 305 - Prisons, Punishment, and Power (4)

This course examines the social and political forces that led to the steep rise in the prison population in the late 20th century. The course begins with an overview of sociological theories to frame our understanding of the prison system as a form of social control, and the criminal justice system as an expression of power. We also engage with contemporary readings that analyze how systems of power and control operate differently with regard to race, class, and gender. We consider the impact of these systems of power to perpetuate group-based inequalities. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

SOCI 310 - Archaeology (4)

Investigation of world archaeology from the framework of major prehistoric cultural innovations. Discussion of the history of archaeology, theory, and methods of modern-day archaeologists and the significance of archaeological research to modern-day problems.

SOCI 315 - Sociological Theory (4)

Introduction to stories or theories developed by persons whom sociologists consider central to the understanding of how and why humans organize, behave and interact in certain ways. Building upon ideas and evidence from other sociological investigation, this course provides a more complete perspective of each theorist studied. Prereq/Co-req: SOCI 100, or permission of the department director.

SOCI 320 - Research Methods (4)

This course is about examining the world around us with scientific rigor. This class will introduce students to the logic of scientific inquiry and its place in the understanding of society. We will examine the relationship between theoretically based research questions and the process for seeking answers to those

questions. Students will engage in this process through their own independent research project. This quantitative project involves generating and interpreting statistical results from a statistical software, SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Other topics covered include qualitative methods, field research, and survey construction. Prereq: SOCI 100, SOCI 300, or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

SOCI 324 - Human Sexuality (4)

Examination of biological, spiritual, psychosocial, and cultural dimensions associated with sexuality. Discussion of beliefs and values that influence individual health and well-being, especially how these relate to the sexual aspect of what makes us human. Students gain insight into their own sexual natures and learn how to live responsibly in a society that often promotes the idea of sex rather than sexuality. Cross-listed with HDFE 324.

SOCI 330 - Sociology of Gender (4)

Examines the socially constructed nature of gender. Reviews key sociological theories in the study of gender, examines the interaction of gender with major institutions in society, and highlights the way in which gender constructions translate into gender inequality. Emphasis on the intersection of race and class with gender.

SOCI 331 - Sociology of Aging (4)

Study of the social, psychological, and biological changes that occur with aging, and how these changes affect interactions between older people and their family, friends, home, community, and society. This multidisciplinary approach, known as gerontology, addresses such issues as demography of aging, social theories of aging, social consequences of biological and psychological changes, social supports, living arrangements, economic status, populations at risk, and social policies. Course includes opportunities to discuss these issues with professionals who provide services for older people.

SOCI 333 - Sociology of Religion (4)

Exploration of the social context of religion, including an introduction to theories and methods used in the sociological investigation of religion. Questions include: How does religion impact our sense of meaning and belonging in society? What social processes relate to the formation and evolution of churches, sects, and cults? How are religious institutions in American society undergoing change? Do gender, race and social class influence religious order and behavior? What is the relationship between state and church in American society? Cross-listed with BREL 360.

SOCI 337 - Health, Illness, and Healing in Social Context (4)

Exploration of how society and culture influence perceptions that certain conditions/behaviors are indicators of health or illness. Questions include: Where do people seek help and how is it delivered/received? How widespread is illness and disease in society? Do factors such as gender, race, etc., impact which people get sick and what happens to them? What purpose does health care serve for the society at large? How does the United States health care system compare to those found in other societies?

SOCI 339 - Sociology of Mental Disorder (4)

Study of the relationship between mental disorder and society. Issues addressed include the impact of the sociocultural context on the definition of mental disorder, and the distribution of mental disorder among persons based on gender, age, race, social class, and rural or urban residence. Analysis of effects of different forms of social organization and policy on the experiences of those identified as mentally disordered. Examination of the consequences of law and treatment services on social regulation for the mentally disordered.

SOCI 343 - Criminology (4)

Introduction to the various theoretical approaches that guide the study of crime and its implications. Examination of problems related to the definition of crime, the extent or distribution of crime in society, as well as the impact of criminal activity on society. Review of the criminal justice system, the social processes that occur within it and the outcomes of this system for individuals and the community.

SOCI 345 - Juvenile Delinquency (4)

Examination of juvenile delinquency using the sociological perspective. Critical questions include: What is juvenile delinquency? What is the distribution of juvenile delinquency in society? In which groups are youth more likely to be delinquent? Are there particular characteristics of society which influence patterns of juvenile delinquency? What research methods are used to study delinquency? How is society responding with regard to prevention and treatment of delinquency among youth?

SOCI 347 - Independent Study (2 or 4)

Independent studies course that must comply with the following procedures: (1) Student is responsible for identifying an appropriate topic for investigation. (2) Student must determine if a faculty member can or will be able to undertake the project. This must be done at least one semester prior to the semester during which the work is to be completed. (3) Criteria for fulfilling the requirements for credit must be established between the student and the directing faculty member. (4) Agreement must be on file with the faculty member and the department. Students taking this course must have junior standing and have completed at least eight credits of sociology. Prereq: SOCI 100 or permission of the department director.

SOCI 348 - Sociology of Family (4)

Study of how sociological theory and research applies to an understanding of the family in the social context including family as a social group, family as an institution within society, and family in global perspective across different societies. Critical questions include: What are the constraints of society on the family? What purpose does the family serve in the larger society? What roles do people play in the family? Who and what determines the assignment of those roles? What part does intimacy and sexuality play in family life? How do persons become involved in conflict and violence in families? What are the similarities and differences in family globally?

SOCI 349 - Sociology of Children and Youth (4)

Exploration of the social construction of childhood over time and space, presenting a view of childhood distinct from popular notions. This course covers the full period of childhood, including adolescence. Concepts covered include social forces involved in shaping childhood in North America; how society has changed its definition of childhood over the years; how children negotiate their social roles with each other and with adults; and how children create their own culture distinct from adult culture. Social problems that children experience are focal points for research in the course.

SOCI 360 - Urban Geography: The North American City (4)

Geographic perspective of the past, present, and future of the American city. Topics include the historic roots of cities, development of the U.S. urban system, transportation, and the shaping of cities; social, political, and economic dynamics of urban areas; urban growth, decline, and revitalization; suburbanization; and challenges facing cities in the 21st century. Cross-listed with GEOG 360 and POLS 360.

SOCI 361 - Bridging London (4)

Field-based exploration of the geography of London and its environs. Students investigate historical development, commerce, naval power, imperialism, colonialism, scientific achievement, industrial revolution, financial systems, economic frameworks, transportation, governance, urban design, community, culture, society, ethnicity, international significance, and the intersection between globalization and urbanization. Cross-listed with CLAS 361, GEOG 361, POLS 361.

SOCI 370 - Suburban Nation (4)

Addresses the fundamental questions: How did the United State become such a suburban nation? How has this pervasive suburban landscape changed over time, both in design and meaning? Using a variety of sources (film, fiction, and historical essays), the course considers the evolution of the suburban landscape from the colonial to the contemporary era. Cross-listed with GEOG 370. Offered: On rotation.

SOCI 373 - Women and Religion (4)

Examination of images and roles of women in Christianity and other major world religions. It includes the examination of religious ideology and its role in shaping social life, the many ways in which women exercise authority in religious traditions, the ways in which women have been innovative in those traditions, and the ways in which women have reinterpreted and re-appropriated patriarchal texts and structures. Cross-listed with BREL 366. Prereq: UCT 102.

SOCI 380 - Human-Environment Relationships (4)

Now more than ever before, our world is shaped by complex interactions between humans and the environment. Most environmental issues have social components, just as many social issues have environmental components. This discussion-based course untangles these complex relationships to more thoroughly understand some of the most pressing issues of today and to explore possible solutions. Cross-listed with GEOG 380. Offered: On rotation.

SOCI 399 - London Study Topics (4)

Special courses designed for and offered at the Daniel House London Study Centre. Topics vary, but course is not repeatable.

SOCI 401 - The Individual in Society (4)

Introduction to social psychology from a sociological perspective, examining the relationship between the person and society. Questions include: What impact does society have on the formation of identity and the view we have of ourselves? How do we, as a society, create a perspective of the world around us and use this perspective to regulate each other? What processes regulate the way we establish organizations such as family or work groups and interact within these social groups? Cross-listed with COMS 401.

SOCI 403 - Social Class and Inequality (4)

Examination of the various ways societies have organized the production and distribution of resources, and the results for social inequality. Concepts covered include the different ways we currently structure, define, and produce class in American society; assessment of the importance of socioeconomic class in society, and its consequences for social cohesion and optimal social functioning; and assessment of how class inequality interacts with other socially stratified systems such as race/ethnicity and sex/gender.

SOCI 404 - Sociology of Poverty (4)

Examination of the nature and extent of poverty in the U.S. Reviews topics such as views of poverty, theories of poverty, poverty measurement, characteristics of poverty population, causes of poverty, and government policies that address poverty. Also discussed are aspects of global poverty.

SOCI 405 - Sociology of Deviance (4)

Examination of deviance using the major sociological theories, focusing on the incidence and distribution of deviance in society and explaining it from a sociological point of view.

SOCI 407 - Sociology Internship (4)

Internship in which students can receive credit for community-based experience in agencies or organizations that deal with issues such as juvenile services, probation, literacy, the elderly, children's health care, etc. Through contact with department faculty and preparation of a written assessment, students develop and utilize a sociologically based understanding of their experience. Prereq: Junior standing and 12 credits of sociology coursework. Prereq/Co-req: SOCI 100.

SOCI 409 - Special Topics in Sociology (2 or 4)

Classroom-based course in lecture and/or discussion format. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different.

SOCI 427 - Sociology and Environment (4)

Socio-historical examination of the relationship between the social and the natural environments. Focus on the modern global environment with its challenges for risk management and with its tension between needs for development and sustainability of environmental resources. Disasters (technological and natural) will be compared as social products with sociological consequences. Finally, sociological outcomes will be evaluated using social-environmental justice issues related to class, race, and gender.

SOCI 430 - Senior Seminar (4)

Capstone course in sociology. Students participate in reading and discussion of assignments from primary source materials in theory and/or develop and carry out a research project. Prereqs: SOCI 100, senior standing, and 20 credits of sociology coursework.

Spanish

SPAN 101 - Elementary Spanish I (4)

Introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (on campus and abroad).

SPAN 102 - Elementary Spanish II (4)

Introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 101, satisfactory score on placement exam, or permission of department chair. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (on campus and abroad).

SPAN 103 - Accelerated Elementary Spanish (4)

An accelerated introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish in one semester. Three class meetings and two audiovisual and computer laboratory sessions weekly provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Fall and Spring.

SPAN 151 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish I (4)

Introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Offered: Summer.

SPAN 152 - Language Study Abroad: Elementary Spanish II (4)

Introduction to Spanish language and culture, aimed at developing basic proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad provide students with novice-level proficiency in preparation for the intermediate-level sequence. Prereq: SPAN 101 or SPAN 151 or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

SPAN 201 - Intermediate Spanish I (4)

Continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Two weekly class meetings, plus one conversation laboratory and one online laboratory per week, provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 102 or satisfactory score on placement exam. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (locally and abroad).

SPAN 202 - Intermediate Spanish II (4)

Continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Two weekly class meetings, plus one conversation laboratory and one online laboratory per week, provide a setting for intermediate-level mastery. Completion of the 201-202 sequence fulfills the general education language requirement. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 201. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (locally and abroad).

SPAN 203 - Accelerated Intermediate Spanish (4)

Accelerated, intermediate course that compresses essential elements of SPAN 201 and SPAN 202 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes three class meetings and one conversation laboratory each week. Successful completion of this sequence fulfills the general education language requirement. Prereq: Grade of A in SPAN 102, with recommendation from SPAN 102 instructor, or the required score on the placement exam.

SPAN 251 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish I (4)

Systematic review of Spanish with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereqs: SPAN 102 or SPAN 152, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

SPAN 252 - Language Study Abroad: Intermediate Spanish II (4)

Systematic review of Spanish with continued emphasis on enhancing proficiency in understanding, speaking, reading, writing, and cultural understanding. Twenty-hour per week class meetings in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad provide students with intermediate-level proficiency in preparation for the upper-level sequence. Prereqs: SPAN 201 or SPAN 251, or the equivalent. Offered: Summer.

SPAN 301 - Conversation/Composition/Grammar (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and comprehensive review of advanced-level grammatical structures. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses effective self-expression. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 202, SPAN 203, or the equivalent.

SPAN 302 - Conversation/Composition/Reading (4)

Intensive practice of oral and written language skills and development of advanced-level reading proficiency. Includes free and multi-draft composition and stresses Spanish cultural and literary traditions. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 202, SPAN 203, or the equivalent.

SPAN 310 - Advanced Proficiency Enhancement (1)

Mentored review and reinforcement of listening, speaking, reading, and/or writing skills, grammar structures, or career-oriented language context, as determined by individual student needs. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 301, SPAN 302, or equivalent prior experience, and permission of department chair.

SPAN 311 - Directed-Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: SPAN 202, SPAN 203, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

SPAN 315 - Spanish Culture (4)

Overview of the major historical, social, political, and cultural aspects of Spain's culture from its beginning to the present day. Spanish is actively used in presentations, interactive class discussion, and writing assignments. One civilization course is required of all majors. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit 300-level Spanish course.

SPAN 316 - Latin American Culture I (4)

Overview of the major historical, social, political, and cultural aspects of Latin America's culture from its beginning to the 20th century. Spanish is actively used in presentations, interactive class discussion, and writing assignments. One civilization course is required of all majors. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit 300-level Spanish course.

SPAN 317 - Latin American Culture II (4)

Overview in Spanish of the major current cultural issues in Latin American society in the 20th and 21st centuries, as well as an in-depth study of Latinos living in the U.S. Spanish is used in presentations and interactive class discussion, as well as reading and writing assignments. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit 300-level Spanish course.

SPAN 321 - Directed-Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: SPAN 202, SPAN 203, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

SPAN 322 - Spanish for Missions (2)

Practical study of biblical terminology, methodology of missions, bible study, and discipleship materials for those interested in career missions or those who would like to share their faith in Christ with Spanish-speaking peoples. Prereq: Completion of at least one upper-level course or equivalent.

SPAN 331 - Directed-Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: SPAN 202, SPAN 203, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair.

SPAN 332 - Medical Spanish (2)

Practice of medical terminology and role-play situations in the classroom combined with supervised fieldwork at local health care facilities providing services for Hispanic patients. Prereq: Completion of at least one upper-level course, or the equivalent.

SPAN 340 - Advanced Career Studies (1-4)

Mentored course in career-specific language acquisition at the advanced level. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits, if topics are different. Prereq: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level course, or the equivalent. Offered: Upon request.

SPAN 342 - Interpreting Medical Spanish (4)

Advanced Spanish for students interested in healthcare and medical careers. Designed to improve spoken and written communicative skills for medical interpreting in Spanish through case studies, interviews, and role-plays. This course is combined with a supervised fieldwork component at local healthcare facilities providing services for Hispanic patients. Prereq: Completion of at least one upper-level SPAN course (SPAN 301 or higher), or the equivalent. Offered: Fall.

SPAN 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored course in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least 4-credit one upper-level Spanish course, or the equivalent; concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline; and permission of department chair. Offered: Upon request.

SPAN 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in Spanish.

SPAN 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced Spanish II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in Spanish.

SPAN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of Hispanic culture and overview of contemporary society in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad. One civilization course is required of all majors.

SPAN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of Hispanic culture and overview of contemporary society in a Spanish-speaking setting abroad. One civilization course is required of all majors.

SPAN 360 - Spanish-for-Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a Spanish-speaking country under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate- mid language proficiency or higher. May also count as an upper-level major elective. Prereq: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Upon request.

SPAN 370 - Spanish for Business (4)

Study of intercultural communication and advanced Spanish language proficiency as needed for business contexts. Stresses commercial vocabulary, correspondence, and documentation appropriate to a variety of professional settings. Open to any student with advanced proficiency, this very practical course may count as an upper-level elective. Required for the language and world trade interdisciplinary concentration. Prereq: At least one 4-credit 300-level class.

SPAN 374 - Phonetics and Phonology (4)

This course is designed for students majoring or minoring in Spanish or related fields. It will offer students both linguistic theory and practice in the pronunciation of Spanish. Students will correct and improve pronunciation, develop an understanding and ability to teach correct Spanish pronunciation, recognize the important differences between Spanish and English pronunciation, and learn to pronounce Spanish without interference from English Phonetics. Prereq: SPAN 301, SPAN 302, SPAN 351, or SPAN 352. Offered: Spring.

SPAN 375 - Advanced Grammar and Syntax (4)

In-depth study of grammar and syntactical structures aimed at improving student language skills. Utilizes a variety of methodologies including, but not limited to, composition, translation, and stylistic analysis. Prereq: Successful completion of SPAN 302.

SPAN 380 - Latin American Studies Seminar (4)

Exploration of special topics on Latin American culture and civilization, using an interdisciplinary approach. This course may also be taken as LAST 380 or PORT 380 and may be cross-listed as a special topics course in disciplines related to Latin American studies. SPAN 380 is taught in Spanish; LAST 380 is taught in English. Prereq: Successful completion of one four-credit 300-level Spanish course. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 401 - Spanish Literature I (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Spain from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 402 - Spanish Literature II (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Spain from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 403 - Spanish American Literature I (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Spanish America from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 404 - Spanish American Literature II (4)

Survey of the principal figures and literary movements of Spanish America from its beginnings to the present day. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 405 - Special Topics in Literature I (4)

Study of selected Hispanic authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 406 - Special Topics in Literature II (4)

Study of selected Hispanic authors, literary movements, themes, or genres. Stresses reading of primary works, critical analysis, library research, multi-draft composition, and continued development of advanced oral and written language proficiency within a literary context. Interactive class conducted in Spanish. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: Successful completion of SPAN 302; and SPAN 315, SPAN 316, SPAN 317, or the equivalent. Offered: On rotation.

SPAN 424 - Senior Capstone: Second Language Teaching Methodology (4)

Study of fundamental strategies that form the infrastructure of the teaching process for certification at all levels of second-language acquisition methodology, P-12 or 7-12. Emphasis on materials and methods appropriate to the designated levels of learning while promoting an awareness of the multiple facets of language learning. Capstone course for seniors seeking teaching certification that also includes preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Offered: Fall or Spring, as needed.

SPAN 442 - Senior Capstone: Research and Writing (4)

Research and writing course designed to synthesize skills acquired and knowledge gained in previous coursework. Students develop a thesis, propose a solution to a problem, or produce and perform a creative work. Capstone course for language and literature majors that also includes literary readings and preparation for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Required of all first majors. Prereqs: Senior standing, and at least one 400-level literature course. Offered: Spring.

SPAN 450 - Special Studies (1-4)

Mentored independent study in language, culture, or literature. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits, if topics are different. Prereqs: At least one 4-credit upper-level course, or the equivalent, and permission of department chair and instructor. Offered: As needed.

SPAN 470 - Senior Capstone: International Trade Internship (4)

Directed student internship in an international business setting in the U.S. or abroad, mentored by Samford faculty and supervised by on-site agency personnel. Language and world trade seniors complete 160 hours of on-site work, maintain journals in the target language, and prepare for exit oral and writing proficiency exams. Prereqs: Senior standing and successful completion of SPAN 370. Offered: As needed.

SPAN 475 - Language for Business (4)

In-depth analysis of cultural communication and language use within business contexts. Examines components of a language's commercial vocabulary and cultural usage within professional contexts. Prereqs: SPAN 301 or SPAN 302, plus one additional upper-level Spanish course, or permission of department chair. Offered: Spring.

Sport Administration

SPAD 142 - Introduction to Sport Administration (2)

This course examines the details and techniques involved in leading and administering in a wide variety of sport organizations and settings. A multitude of specific administrative principles, practices, and strategies will be examined to provide a strong and thorough foundation for leadership and supervision of sport organizations from a distinctively Christian perspective. This course will also provide an overview of sport organization functions such as: structure and policy, economics, marketing, human and labor relations, career development, and Christian ministry through sport. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 280 - Sport Facility and Event Operations (3)

This course examines the methods, details and techniques involved in the full operations of a wide variety of sport facilities and their specific events. A multitude of specific management principles, practices, and strategies will be examined to provide a strong and thorough foundation for leadership and supervision of sport and recreation facilities as well as other public facilities including college and high school buildings, convention centers, museums, theaters, and other arena or stadium type structures. This course will also provide an in-depth look at sport facility management: history, theory, planning, site design, construction, systems and operations, maintenance, marketing and sales, finances, legal responsibilities, security, and event preparation. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 285 - History of Sport (3)

This course surveys the history of sport in the United States. Specifically, the course will look at sport history starting with historical events and individuals prior to the founding of America and will conclude with present day sport and societal events, individuals, and outcomes. Most importantly, this course will examine historical events and people in sport in the United States through the lens of the Gospel and seek to answer biblically and honestly questions that arise regarding how Christians should respond to these events, people, outcomes, and cultural realities. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 310 - Sport Governance and the NCAA (3)

This course examines the governance structures of the three different layers of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), in addition to other collegiate governing bodies such as the NAIA and NCCAA. Specific attention will be given to the three NCAA divisions (I, II, and III) leadership structures, respective academic eligibility requirements, financial aid structures, recruiting regulations, and institutional oversight. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 320 - Sport and Communication (3)

This course examines the history of communication and technology changes in the sport industry. Specific attention will be given to technological improvements and cultural trends in the dissemination of sporting news, advertisements, promotions, and viewer consumption. A strong emphasis will be placed on mobile and social media platforms, technological software packages, and the digital realm of sport messaging and consumer acquisition and choice. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 365 - Contemporary Issues in Sport (3)

This course examines and discusses the various sport leadership and business topics that impact the sport industry as a whole, and the professionals working in positions of influence. Prereq: SPAD 285. Offered: Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 391 - Christian Leadership and Ethics in Sport (3)

This course will teach students how to be leaders in the sport industry with a Christian mindset. Students will discuss the ever-changing culture in sports where revenue generation and profit maximization are sought and expected. This course will review current sport industry trends and issues and will focus on purposeful discussion on how to be Christian leaders. Prereq: SPAD 365. Offered: Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 396 - Internship in Sport Administration I (4)

The purpose of this required internship is to provide students a practical and tangible experience to work in a variety of sport industry roles, and to learn how to practice Christian leadership and sport business skills that students have been immersed in through the sport administration curriculum. The practical work experience of this internship is designed to be an introductory professional sport administrative experience at Samford. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 397 - Special Topics in Sport Administration (1 to 3)

This course will cover topics in sport administration that are not typically examined in depth in other course offerings. Students will learn about emerging topics and current research within the field of sport administration. Topics vary with each instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall and Spring.

SPAD 399 - Global Study Topics in Sport Administration (1 to 4)

Special courses designed for and offered in locations away from the Samford Campus. Topics vary. May be repeated for a maximum of 15 credits. Requires approval from the instructor or SamfordGlobal. Offered: As needed.

SPAD 430 - Sport Sponsorship and Sales (3)

This course provides an overview of sport sales strategies, sales trends throughout the sport industry, and sales practices that apply to professional sports, college athletics, and international and domestic sport businesses. In addition, specific attention will be given to sport sponsorship opportunities, sponsorship selection and activation, and brand association between sponsors and targeted sports. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 455 - Legal and Contractual Aspects of Sport (3)

This course introduces the varied legal aspects of the sport industry (tort law, criminal and civil law, labor relations, Title IX issues, etc.) and specifically focuses on the interaction between leadership positions in sport and the legal issues they encounter. This course will also provide an in depth view of contract law, including the specific legal issues associated with contract negotiation, execution, and breach. A strong emphasis will be placed on understanding how to read and write contracts that legally protect one's business interests and financial goals within the framework of sport organizations and leagues, facilities, and events. Prereq: SPAD 365. Offered: Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 460 - Financial Operations in Sport (3)

This course examines the many financial operations and functions of organizations in the sport industry, and specifically addresses the necessary details in helping sport organizations generate net profit and create new revenue streams. This course directly covers a multitude of significant financial areas including: the valuations and tax considerations of professional sport teams, how sports are positioned in the United States and world economies, revenue sharing and competitive balance issues in professional sport, ticket pricing, how star players generate higher gate receipts, media contracts, inflationary and deflationary salary mechanisms, college athletic fundraising, intercollegiate athletic winning and the costs associated with competition, and many more details. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 470 - International Sport Business (3)

This course is designed to provide students with a broad overview of sport administration from an international perspective, and familiarize students to the various practices and ideas in the global sports business world. Coursework will allow students to acclimate themselves with the global aspects of the sport management field. Thus, the overall purpose of the course is to make students aware of the magnitude of the global expansion and development of sport; to familiarize them with major "players" (firms and organizations) on the global scene, major issues in global sports, and to emphasize the business opportunities that are created internationally. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

SPAD 498 - Research in Sport Administration I (3)

Students will design a research study focused on aspects of sport administration. The study will be developed based upon a review of literature. Students will utilize peer-reviewed journals to provide an evidenced-based defense of their hypothesis and study design. Students will also develop skills related to ethical treatment of human subjects. Culmination of the course is development of an IRB application and informed consent document. Prereq: SPAD 142. Offered: Fall.

SPAD 499 - Research in Sport Administration II (3)

Sport administration students conduct the study designed in SPAD 498. Students will write an introduction and methodology appropriate for a peer-reviewed journal. They will learn to use equipment and instruments, recruit research participants, collect data using an approved protocol, prepare results for publication, and present results in a professional setting. Culmination of the course is writing a final manuscript including an introduction, methods, results, and discussion/conclusion with supporting data. Prereq: SPAD 498. Offered: Spring.

Theatre

THEA 101 - Introduction to Theatre I (1)

Team-taught introduction to theatre arts including elements of directing/acting, technical/design, and play reading/analysis. Required of all theatre majors. Offered: Fall.

THEA 102 - Introduction to Theatre II (1)

Team-taught introduction to theatre arts including elements of directing/acting, technical/design, and play reading/analysis. Required of all theatre majors. Offered: Spring.

THEA 112 - Beginning Acting (2)

Introduction to the principles and techniques of acting, with emphasis on script analysis and play structure. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 113 - Intermediate Acting (3)

Continued development of the principles and techniques of acting, with special focus on the Stanislavski System. Prereq: THEA 112. Offered: Spring.

THEA 175 - Freshman Acting Workshop (1)

Acting workshop for freshman theatre students, designed to maintain existing skills and prepare students for auditions and performance. Course repeatable for maximum of two credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 201 - Theatre Production (0-1)

Theatre activity participation course; required of all theatre majors. Students are assigned responsibility on a scenic, lighting, costume, or makeup crews and must demonstrate proficiency in the assigned area of theatrical production by the end of the course. Other students are evaluated for acting roles and/or directing and stage management responsibility. All majors offered by the department must complete seven semesters of THEA 201, while theatre minors must complete three. Grading is pass/fail. Variable credit. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 242 - Fundamentals of Design (3)

Introduction to the design areas of scenery, lighting, sound, and costuming with emphasis on conceptualization, communication, process and implementation. Concentration will be in areas of drafting, visualization, programming, and editing. Prereq: THEA 243. Offered: Spring.

THEA 243 - Stagecraft (3)

Introduction for students to the process of realizing stage design from the theatre technician's point of view. Emphasis on the craft and technology used in mounting a theatrical production. Topics include the principles and tools used in the construction, rigging, and handling of scenery for the stage. Offered: Fall.

THEA 312 - Acting Methods (3)

Study of advanced problems in movement, perception of characters, and acting methods including Stanislavski, Meisner, and Adler. Prereq: THEA 112 or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 313 - Acting Styles (3)

Practical study in acting styles of the most influential dramatic periods to include Greek, Medieval, Commedia Dell'Arte, Shakespeare, Neo-Classical, Restoration, Naturalism, Epic, and Non-Realistic. Prereqs: THEA 112, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 316 - Musical Theatre Auditioning (3)

Introduction to the literature of musical theatre, and to the techniques, practices, and expectations for professional auditions. Prereq: THEA 112. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 317 - Musical Theatre Song Study (3)

Continued examination of the literature of musical theatre, and the techniques, practices, and expectations for professional performance. Prereq: THEA 316. Offered: Spring.

THEA 318 - Musical Theatre Scene Study (3)

Continued examination of the literature of musical theatre, and the techniques, practices, and expectations for professional performance. The course will focus on ensemble performance. Prereqs: THEA 316 and THEA 317. Offered: Fall.

THEA 322 - Beginning Directing (3)

Study of the principles and methods of play directing. Also includes training in selecting and analyzing scripts, experience in casting and conducting rehearsals from the director's point of view, and participation in the workshop program. Required of all theatre majors. Offered: Fall.

THEA 323 - Advanced Directing (3)

Practical application of skills learned in THEA 322 (Beginning Directing), with focus on advanced studies in scene analysis and play structure, continued-blocking techniques, and working with the actor. Additional emphasis placed on designing the rehearsal period, working with designers, and complete preparation for directing a full-length, mainstage production. Prereq: THEA 322. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 324 - Directing for Theatre for Young Audience (3)

This course offers practical experience in the area of play direction for Theatre for Young Audiences. It is designed to provide the student training in directing techniques. Practical application of the presented directing principles will be required. Prereq: THEA 322. Offered: Spring.

THEA 330 - Theatre History and Literature I (3)

Survey of the history and literature of the theatre from its origins to the English Restoration. This course examines the predominant influences, staging practice, and accompanying literature of each period. Required of all theatre majors. Prereqs: SOA 101, UCS 102, UCT 101, and UCT 102. Offered: Fall.

THEA 332 - Theatre History and Literature II (3)

Survey of the history and literature of the theatre from the American Revolution to present day. This course examines the predominant influences, staging practice, and accompanying literature of each period. Required of all theatre majors. Prereqs: SOA 101, UCS 102, UCT 101, and UCT 102. Offered: Spring.

THEA 341 - Set Design (3)

Study of the theory and practice of scenic design for the stage. Problems in set design involving sketching, drafting, and scale model-making comprise this course of study. Particular emphasis is given to the process of design conceptualization and communication. Prereq: THEA 242 or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 342 - Scenic Art for the Theatre (3)

Introduction to the skills required to function as a scenic artist in the theatre scenic studio. Reproduction of works of fine art, practical exercises, and work on actual productions comprise the bulk of the student's work. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 343 - Lighting Design (3)

Examination of the art of stage lighting from a theoretical and practical point of view. Concentration will be in areas of conceptualization, communication, and equipment application. Prereq: THEA 242. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 344 - Makeup Design (3)

Practical study of the design and application principles of stage makeup with emphasis on student participation and projects. Prereq: THEA 242. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 345 - Costume Design (3)

Study of the elements of costume design and the graphic interpretation of characters from plays. Includes a practical explanation of the basic construction of stage costumes. Prereq: THEA 242. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 346 - Sound Design (3)

Study of the theory and practice of sound design. Concentration on conceptualization, communication, introduction of new media, and practical application of technology. Course of study includes editing, sequencing, reinforcement, and recording. Prereq: THEA 242. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 347 - Stage Management (3)

Examination of the craft of stage management from a theoretical and practical point of view. Course objectives include comprehension and implementation of theatre safety procedures from a practical viewpoint. Concentration will be in areas of organization, rehearsal and performance processes, communication, and safety applications. Prereq: SOA 101, THEA 242 or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 349 - Theatre Practicum (1 to 3)

Participation as a designer, technical director, or stage manager in a main stage (fully realized, funded, technically supported and academically supervised) theatre production. Students are assigned to productions based upon their experience and expertise in specific technical areas. May be repeated up to 6 times for a maximum 18 credits. Prereq: THEA 201 or permission of the instructor. Offered: Every Term.

THEA 350 - Business of the Arts (2)

Practical examination of concepts and techniques for managing personal finances for the independent artist. Using case studies, students will develop an applied framework for analyzing key issues for commercial and non-profit arts organizations. The course employs seminars, lectures and guest speakers. Offered: Spring.

THEA 360 - Creative Drama (3)

Study of the history of children's theatre and creative dramatics. In addition to in-class work and lectures, students gain hands-on experience with practical teaching and play production by working with schools and afterschool programs. Offered: Fall.

THEA 361 - Theatre for Youth Tour (2)

This course examines the dramatic structure, audience needs, directing, and acting techniques that are employed in the touring production of theater for youth. Practical and creative applications of scenery, costumes and props are among the topics studied in the preparation of the tour. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Spring.

THEA 362 - Theatre for Youth Community Engagement (1)

This course will afford the student a community-based learning opportunity through immersive experiences in relationship with a community partner. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Offered: Fall.

THEA 363 - Introduction to Puppetry (3)

This course introduces the art of puppetry as a form of ensemble theatre utilizing fundamental techniques to give life to inanimate objects. Prereq: SOA 101. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 370 - Stage Combat (3)

The course is designed to develop the skills required of an actor combatant competent in the use of unarmed, broadsword, and rapier and dagger skills through an overview of the historical context of the weapon, training in safe and proper technique, and performance. The course is primarily a demonstration/active participation class. Prereq: THEA 112. Offered: Spring.

THEA 375 - Acting Workshop (1)

Development of skills learned in acting classes. Support and preparation for auditions, scene work, and performance. Opportunity to develop special skills in dialect, physical theatre, character analysis, or advanced technique work in acting theory. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 380 - History of Fashion and Costume (3)

Study of historical clothing as dress and as stage costuming, from primitive apparel to present fashion. Cross-listed with ART 380. Prereq: SOA 101, THEA 242, or permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 391 - Theatre for Youth Ensemble (0-1)

In this course, the student participates as an actor in a main stage (fully realized, funded, technically supported, and academically supervised) theatre for youth production. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Offered: Fall.

THEA 393 - Collaborative Theatre: Using Imagination, Commitment, and Risk-Taking to Devise Original Work (1)

Through the process of sharing together, collaboration of working together, combination of integrating together and performance of creating together, the student will explore developing and performing original work. The performance may include spoken word, movement, images, music, and media. May be repeated for a maximum of 2 credits. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 394 - Musical Theatre Ensemble (0-1)

May be repeated for a maximum of 7 credits.

THEA 395 - Improv Ensemble (1)

Participation as a performer in the Samford Improv ensemble. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: THEA 112. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 396 - Studio Ensemble (1)

Participation as a director in a studio theatre production. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 397 - Acting Ensemble (0-1)

Participation as an actor in a mainstage (fully realized, funded, technically supported, and academically supervised) theatre production. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 398 - Technical Theatre Ensemble (0-1)

Participation as a crew member in a mainstage (fully realized, funded, technically supported, and academically supervised) theatre production. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 414 - Playwriting (3)

Seminar and workshop in writing for the stage. Readings emphasize plays from a range of literary eras and playwriting theory texts. Writing assignments include weekly exercises and the execution of a one-act play. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 415 - Advanced Playwriting (3)

Practical application of skills learned in THEA 414 (Playwriting), with focus on advanced studies in character development and play structure, and preparation for writing a full-length play. Prereq: THEA 414. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

THEA 424 - Theatre Internship (3)

Seminar and workshop in writing for the stage. Readings emphasize plays from a range of literary eras and playwriting theory texts. Writing assignments include weekly exercises and the execution of a one-act play. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

THEA 425 - Theatre Pedagogy (1 to 3)

Overview of theatre pedagogy and the application of this information to the teaching of theatre students. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits.

Prereqs: THEA 101 and THEA 112. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 434 - Musical Theatre History I (3)

Overview of the art and craft of musical theatre as seen in the evolution of landmark productions. Offered: Spring.

THEA 435 - Musical Theatre History II (3)

Continued exploration of the art and craft of musical theatre as seen in the evolution of landmark productions. Prereq: THEA 434. Offered: Fall.

THEA 443 - Computer Aided Design (3)

Study of advanced theatrical design and communication principles through computer software and digital media. Course objectives include practical application of these technologies in technical direction, lighting, sound, costume and scenic design processes. Prereq: THEA 242. Offered: Fall, on rotation.

THEA 445 - Advanced Costume Design (3)

Development of costume design skills, focusing on specific elements of design, such as variety, characterization, and stylization, research for specific historical periods, pattern making, draping, and costume construction, improving drawing skills, and strengthening practical communication skills in design presentations. Prereq: THEA 345. Offered: Spring.

THEA 450 - Capstone Course (3)

Completion of a major project in theatre, in conjunction with a faculty mentor. Reading and study of works listed on the departmental reading list. An oral examination must be passed. Required of all theatre majors. Prereqs: Senior standing, completion of major requirements, and mentor choice on record. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 451 - Special Topics in Theatre (1-3)

Examination of a particular topic in theatre that is not normally examined in depth in the regular course offerings. This course is designed to teach students about a special research interest of a faculty member or a newly emerging area. May be repeated for a maximum of 9 credits. Prereqs: THEA 101 and THEA 112. Offered: As needed.

THEA 455 - Directed Studies in Theatre (1, 2, or 3)

Advanced study of a specific area of theatre or a related field. This course involves written, oral, and other forms of communication, including a required paper, oral presentation, and/or other major presentation. Designed to meet a variety of needs, this course can be structured as an individual study or as a group seminar. May be repeated for a maximum of 12 credits. Prereq: Permission of the instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

THEA 463 - Theatre for Youth Curriculum Development (3)

The course will afford students the opportunity to integrate their understanding and knowledge of Theatre for Youth by creating curriculum units and lesson plans. Included will be developing curriculum for summer camp experiences, afterschool workshops, and advanced theatre classes. In addition, students will participate in a workshop for school-age children. Prereq: THEA 360. Offered: Fall.

THEA 464 - Theatre for Youth History and Literature (3)

We will explore the evolution of Theatre for Youth (TY) and the canon of TY literature. The course will focus on classic and contemporary American TY plays/musicals, in addition to the development of Children's Theatre in America. Prereq: THEA 360. Offered: Spring.

Theatre - Film Production

FLMT 310 - Screenwriting (3)

Lectures, seminars, and screenings of films illustrating basic aspects of screenwriting, structure, action, conflict, character development, and script format. Students analyze original screenplays and write original works, including a first and second draft of two short screenplays. Prereq: Permission of instructor. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

FLMT 371 - Acting for the Camera (3)

Introduction to acting techniques for the camera. Students will read screenplays and participate in discussions comparing acting techniques for stage and screen. The student will work on roles and will develop the tools needed for on-camera performance. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

University Core Curriculum

UCBF 101 - Biblical Foundations (4)

This course serves as an introduction to the Christian Scriptures (Old and New Testaments), including their contents, their historical backgrounds, literary genres, and theological and ethical themes. The course reflects the biblical basis of Samford's Core Values and provides a foundation for understanding the place of the Jewish and Christian Scriptures in human culture. The course will stress the relevance of the Bible for contemporary Christian faith and practice. Offered: Every semester.

UCR 101 - University Core: Rhetoric (4)

In Core Rhetoric, students will complete three major writing assignments and present three speeches. Writing assignments include a first-person/explication essay, an informative essay, and a position paper. Students will engage in scholarly research and documentation. Speeches and presentations will be based on the written essays. Students will learn how to adapt a written document for oral presentations with various audiences and objectives. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better to advance to UCS 102.

UCS 102 - University Core: Seminar (4)

Core Seminar is a theme-based writing and research course in which students examine challenging texts of diverse genres, produce assessed formal essays, and make presentations of academic research, using technological resources. Course themes encourage student research in areas such as history, literature, racial and social justice, theology, philosophy, sociology, economics, health, and media. No prior knowledge of course themes is required. Students must pass this course with a grade of C- or better. Prereq: Grade of C- or better in UCR 101.

UCT 101 - University Core Texts I (4)

A survey of significant texts and ideas in the historical contexts of the Ancient World, Rome and Early Christianity, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance. Content includes the development of important concepts such as responsible citizenship, faith and reason, virtue, justice, redemption, freedom, happiness, and Christian moral reasoning. Offered: Fall and Spring.

UCT 102 - University Core Texts II (4)

A survey of significant texts and ideas in the historical contexts of the Early Modern World, the Enlightenment, the 19th century, and the 20th century. Content includes the development of important concepts from the Reformation, the scientific revolution, political liberalism, reactions to liberalism, postmodernism, race and justice, and contemporary Christian moral reasoning. Offered: Fall and Spring.

UCHW 120 - Concepts of Health and Wellness (2)

This course explores what it means to be healthy, in the fullest sense of physical, mental, social, and spiritual wellbeing. Personal health topics include healthy eating, mental and spiritual wellness, healthy relationships, physical activity, chronic and infectious diseases, violence and injuries, health insurance, and resources on and off campus to address health needs. Students develop health and information literacy skills and critical thinking in health decisions. In addition to personal health, we discuss disparities related to race, class, and gender, communities, Christian ethics, and the ways in which social factors and our actions contribute to others' opportunities to live healthy lives. Offered: Every semester.

University Fellows - Core Curriculum

The Fellows Core Curriculum also includes MATH 240, UCBF 101, and UCHW 120.

UFIT 250 - Italy and the Western Intellectual Tradition (4)

Through on-site study at locations like the Roman Forum, the Musei Capitolini, the Uffizi, the Vatican Museum, and others, this study abroad course examines the Western Intellectual Tradition as it developed through the art, architecture, and material culture of Rome and Florence. Course may be substituted for SOA 200 (Arts in Society, Non-SOA Majors) only, to meet the general education fine arts requirement. Prereq: UFWT 201. Offered: On rotation.

UFSI 201 - Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices (4)

Exploration of the fundamental methodological and philosophical assumptions of scientific inquiry. Through the study of ideas and theories pioneered by Aristotle, Galileo, Newton, Darwin, Einstein and others, students will investigate the nature of the scientific method, examine unifying concepts in various scientific disciplines, and consider how changing conceptions of scientific theory and practice have affected our criteria for establishing reliable knowledge. Satisfies one natural and computational science requirement for students in most programs; however, some programs may require specific or additional science courses to meet their general education natural and computational science requirement. Offered: Fall.

UFVI 101 - The Virtues (2)

Exploration of how classical and Christian virtues are important to the cultivation of the good life. Through works by Aristotle, Plato, Cicero, Augustine, and Aquinas, students will come to a deeper understanding of the virtuous life as understood by the ancients and by Christianity. The Micah Fellows section of UFVI 101 will focus specifically on the virtue of justice in addition to the entire concept of virtue. Offered: Fall.

UFVI 102 - Moral Responsibility in a Diverse World (2)

The second in a two-semester course sequence, this interdisciplinary course examines how frameworks of moral responsibility develop in a diverse world. Through works by Gloria Anzaldua, Patricia Hill Collins, Natasha Trethewey, Ta-Nehisi Coates, and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, students will come to a deeper understanding of moral responsibility frameworks in the contemporary world. Prereq: UFVI 101. Offered: Spring.

UFWR 101 - Writing and Rhetoric (4)

Development of advanced written and oral communication skills through the exploration of a specific seminar theme. Includes critical approaches to writing and speaking, effective research methods, strategies for the use of information technology, and ethical standards of communication. Requires extensive practice in writing and revising academic papers. Offered: Fall.

UFWT 101 - Western Intellectual Tradition I: The Heritage of Greece and Rome (4)

First in a four-semester sequence, this interdisciplinary seminar examines the classical foundations of the Western intellectual tradition. Through the works of Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Virgil, Aurelius and others, students will explore how Greco-Roman conceptions of virtue, justice, and citizenship have influenced the development of Western values. Offered: Fall.

UFWT 102 - Western Intellectual Tradition II: Christianity from Antiquity to the Renaissance (4)

Second in a four-semester sequence, this interdisciplinary seminar examines the contributions of Christianity to the Western intellectual tradition. Through the works of Augustine, Aquinas, Dante, Machiavelli and others, students will understand how Christianity engaged its Greco-Roman heritage, developed its own distinct traditions, and contributed to the rise of Renaissance humanism. Prereq: UFWT 101. Offered: Spring.

UFWT 201 - Western Intellectual Tradition III: Reformation, Revolution, and Enlightenment (4)

Third in a four-semester sequence, this interdisciplinary seminar examines how revolutions in faith, science, and philosophy shaped the development of the Western intellectual tradition. Through the works of Luther, Galileo, Shakespeare, Descartes, Wollstonecraft and others, students will discover how the Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, and the Enlightenment offered new ways of thinking about the nature of authority. Satisfies the humanities requirement for students in most programs; however, some programs may require a specific course to meet their general education humanities requirement. Prereqs: UFWT 101 and UFWT 102. Offered: Fall.

UFWT 202 - Western Intellectual Tradition IV: The Challenge of Modernity (4)

Fourth in a four-semester sequence, this interdisciplinary seminar examines modernity's impact on the Western intellectual tradition. Through the works of Austen, Marx, Darwin, Woolf, Nietzsche, and others, students will explore how modernity has questioned the foundational assumptions of Western thought. Discussions in this course are intended to prepare students for their study of Non-Western cultures in the junior and senior year. Satisfies the social sciences requirement for students in most programs; however, some programs may require specific or additional courses to meet their general education social sciences requirement. Prereqs: UFWT 101, UFWT 102, and UFWT 201. Offered: Spring.

University Fellows - Electives

UFAA 450 - The African American Intellectual Tradition (4)

This interdisciplinary seminar examines the African American intellectual tradition from the early American republic to the present. Through the works of Walker, Douglass, Jacobs, DuBois, Ellison, King, Morrison and others, students will explore the unique development of an African American tradition both within and against a larger American intellectual tradition. Prereq: UFWT 101 or instructor's permission if not a Fellows student. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

UFAF 300 - The American Founding (2-4)

This interdisciplinary seminar examines the seminal texts and ideas of America's founding. Through the works of William Bradford, Anne Bradstreet, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, James Fenimore Cooper, and others, students will explore how early American and colonial concepts of virtue, justice, and citizenship contributed to the founding of a nation. This course includes an optional study-away component, to Washington, D.C. Prereqs: UFWT 101 and UFWT 102. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

UFEB 300 - Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (0-1)

Designed for students competing on the Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team. This course involves the study of ethics as well as the teaching of practical and analytic skills of public debate. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: UFWT 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall and Spring.

UFEN 300 - England and the Western Intellectual Tradition (2 or 4)

A study abroad course in England, this interdisciplinary seminar examines the Western Intellectual Tradition as it develops in London from the ancient Romans to the present. Through the works of Caesar, Tacitus, Augustine of Canterbury, Shakespeare, Locke, Burke, Newman, Woolf, and others, students will explore how Western conceptions of virtue, justice, and citizenship have developed in England. Prereqs: UFWT 101 and UFWT 102 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

UFET 300 - Eastern Intellectual Traditions (4)

This interdisciplinary seminar examines a variety of Eastern intellectual traditions. Through works by Confucius, Lao Tzu, Nagarjuna, Mencius, and others, students will explore how different intellectual traditions have developed in a variety of Eastern cultures. Prereqs: UFWT 101 and UFWT 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

UFGS 300 - University Fellows Global Studies (4)

Seminar-style course that explores an issue of global concern from a multidisciplinary perspective. Primarily focused on non-Western cultures, this course builds upon the University Fellows Core Curriculum and asks students to address global challenges within the framework of intellectual history. Prereq/Co-req: UFWT 202. Offered: As needed.

UFIN 400 - University Fellows Internship (0-4)

Students gain practical experience while working in a business, industry, or nonprofit venue. Opportunities include any discipline to help support a student's career objectives. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Offered: Every semester, as needed.

UFOT 450 - University Fellows Oxbridge Tutorial (2)

Small seminar (2-3 students) based on the Oxbridge tutorial method. In conjunction with a faculty member, students design a course focused on a specialized topic of mutual interest. At weekly meetings, students present papers on the assigned readings and defend their ideas in discussion with their instructor and their peers. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits. Prereqs: UFWT 202, as well as the approval of the program director. Offered: Every semester.

UFPR 400 - University Fellows Preceptorship (0 to 4)

An opportunity for junior and senior University Fellows to serve as preceptors in first and second-year University Fellows classes. Preceptors work closely with professors to implement teaching strategies, facilitate class discussion, and provide feedback on assignments. Ideal for Fellows interested in a career in higher education. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereqs: UFWT 202, as well as the approval of the program director and the course instructor. Offered: Fall and Spring.

UFRA 400 - University Fellows Research Assistantship (2)

An opportunity for junior and senior University Fellows to serve as research assistants for Samford faculty. Research assistants provide assistance to Samford professors on specific research projects in any discipline. Research agenda and workload must be approved by the director of University Fellows prior to course registration. May be repeated for a maximum of 8 credits. Grading is pass/fail. Prereq: UFWT 202. Offered: Every semester.

UFST 400 - University Fellows: Special Topics (4)

Interdisciplinary seminar selected on the basis of student interest and faculty expertise. May be repeated once, but only if topic is different. Prereqs: UFWT 202, as well as the approval of the program director. Prereqs: UFWT 202, as well as the approval of the program director. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

UFWC 450 - Washington Center Internship (4-8)

Through the Washington Center in Washington, D.C., students gain practical experience and course credit while working in a business, industry, or nonprofit venue. Opportunities include any discipline to help support a student's career objectives. Prereqs: Instructor's permission. Offered: Every semester, as needed.

World Languages and Cultures

WLAC 104 - Reading and Writing for Heritage Speakers of a Critical Language (2)

This course is designed to provide literacy development for heritage speakers of any of the critical languages taught in the Department of World Languages and Cultures through intensive reading and writing instruction and practice. A heritage speaker is someone who has speaking proficiency in a non-English language and a cultural connection to it through his or her family, but who has little or no ability to read or write in that language. The course will prepare learners for intermediate level study of the target language. May be repeated for maximum of 6 credits. Prereq: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Upon request.

WLAC 150 - Mastering the International Experience: Living and Studying Abroad (2)

Provides students who plan to study or live abroad with knowledge and skills to ease cultural adjustment and to develop further their intercultural competency. Designed to give students both a theoretical foundation from which to approach cross-cultural work and study situations as well as a solid foundation of facts regarding both intercultural competency and the host country. This course is a prerequisite for all world language study abroad courses. Offered: Fall and Spring.

WLAC 340 - Linguistics (4)

Linguistics is the study of language, in the broadest sense, and is closely allied with language learning and language departments. Linguistics has also emerged as one of the important fields in the social sciences. It has strong ties with a variety of other academic domains, especially psychology, computer science, and anthropology. Students will be introduced to both theoretical and applied linguistics as well as to the many subfields of linguistics. Prereq: Completion of language at the 202 level or higher, or instructor's permission. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

WLAC 405 - World Cinema (4)

Examination of a particular world cinema (French, German, Spanish). Emphasis on analysis of international filmmakers and film movements. Students will learn the aspects of film language and aesthetics, and the social, cultural and historical contexts surrounding the films. May be repeated once for a maximum of 8 credits, when topics vary. Prereqs: UCR 101 and UCT 102. Offered: Fall and Spring, on rotation.

WLAC 475 - Language for Business (4)

In-depth analysis of cultural communication and language use within business contexts. Examines components of a language's commercial vocabulary and cultural usage within professional contexts. Prereq: At least one semester of a foreign language or by permission of department chair. Offered: Spring.

Critical Languages - Arabic

ARAB 101 - Elementary Arabic I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

ARAB 102 - Elementary Arabic II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ARAB 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

ARAB 201 - Intermediate Arabic I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ARAB 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

ARAB 202 - Intermediate Arabic II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ARAB 201. Offered: Spring.

ARAB 205 - Intermediate Arabic III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: ARAB 202 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

ARAB 206 - Intermediate Arabic IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Arabic and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: ARAB 205 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

ARAB 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ARAB 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ARAB 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ARAB 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of ARAB 206 or above, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

ARAB 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

ARAB 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

ARAB 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

ARAB 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

ARAB 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Chinese

CHIN 101 - Elementary Chinese I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

CHIN 102 - Elementary Chinese II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of CHIN 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

CHIN 201 - Intermediate Chinese I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of CHIN 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

CHIN 202 - Intermediate Chinese II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of CHIN 201. Offered: Spring.

CHIN 205 - Intermediate Chinese III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: CHIN 202 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

CHIN 206 - Intermediate Chinese IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Chinese and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: CHIN 205 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

CHIN 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

CHIN 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

CHIN 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

CHIN 345 - Language Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level Chinese course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

CHIN 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

CHIN 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

CHIN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

CHIN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

CHIN 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Haitian Creole

CREO 101 - Elementary Haitian Creole I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Haitian Creole. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

CREO 102 - Elementary Haitian Creole II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Haitian Creole. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of CREO 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

CREO 201 - Intermediate Haitian Creole I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Haitian Creole. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of CREO 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

CREO 202 - Intermediate Haitian Creole II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Haitian Creole. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: Successful completion of CREO 201 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

Critical Languages - Hindi

HIND 101 - Elementary Hindi I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

HIND 102 - Elementary Hindi II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of HIND 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

HIND 201 - Intermediate Hindi I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of HIND 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

HIND 202 - Intermediate Hindi II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of HIND 201. Offered: Spring.

HIND 205 - Intermediate Hindi III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: HIND 202 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

HIND 206 - Intermediate Hindi IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Hindi and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: HIND 205 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

HIND 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

HIND 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

HIND 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

HIND 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: HIND 206, plus successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level Hindi course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

HIND 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

HIND 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

HIND 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

HIND 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

HIND 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Italian

ITAL 101 - Elementary Italian I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Italian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

ITAL 102 - Elementary Italian II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Italian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ITAL 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

ITAL 201 - Intermediate Italian I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Italian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ITAL 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

ITAL 202 - Intermediate Italian II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Italian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of ITAL 201. Offered: Spring.

ITAL 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ITAL 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ITAL 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

ITAL 345 - Language Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level Italian course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

ITAL 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

ITAL 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

ITAL 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

ITAL 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

ITAL 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language.

Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Japanese**JAPN 101 - Elementary Japanese I (4)**

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

JAPN 102 - Elementary Japanese II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of JAPN 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

JAPN 201 - Intermediate Japanese I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of JAPN 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

JAPN 202 - Intermediate Japanese II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of JAPN 201. Offered: Spring.

JAPN 205 - Intermediate Japanese III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: JAPN 202 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

JAPN 206 - Intermediate Japanese IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Japanese and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: JAPN 205 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

JAPN 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

JAPN 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

JAPN 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

JAPN 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level Japanese course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

JAPN 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

JAPN 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

JAPN 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

JAPN 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

JAPN 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Korean

KORE 101 - Elementary Korean I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Korean. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Instructor's permit. Offered: Fall.

KORE 102 - Elementary Korean II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Korean. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of KORE 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

KORE 201 - Intermediate Korean I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Korean. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of KORE 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

KORE 202 - Intermediate Korean II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Korean. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of KORE 201. Offered: Spring.

KORE 205 - Intermediate Korean III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Korean and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: KORE 202 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

KORE 206 - Intermediate Korean IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Korean and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: KORE 205 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

KORE 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

KORE 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of KORE 206 or above, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

Critical Languages - Portuguese

PORT 101 - Elementary Portuguese I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the target language. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall. Offered: Fall.

PORT 102 - Elementary Portuguese II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the target language. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of PORT 101. Offered: Spring.

PORT 103 - Accelerated Elementary Portuguese (4)

Designed for students who have previously studied French, Italian, and/or Spanish on any level, this accelerated elementary course compresses essential elements of PORT 101 and PORT 102 into one semester. Designed to develop cross-cultural understanding and proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and understanding, it includes three class meetings and two laboratory sessions each week. Prereq: Permission of the department chair. Offered: Spring, on rotation.

PORT 201 - Intermediate Portuguese I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the target language. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of PORT 102 or PORT 103. Offered: Fall.

PORT 202 - Intermediate Portuguese II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing the target language. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of PORT 201. Offered: Spring.

PORT 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of PORT 202, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

PORT 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of PORT 202, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

PORT 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of PORT 202, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

PORT 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced Portuguese I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a Portuguese-speaking setting abroad. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

PORT 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced Portuguese II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

PORT 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a Portuguese-speaking setting abroad.

PORT 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a Portuguese-speaking setting abroad.

PORT 360 - Portuguese-for-Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a Portuguese-speaking country under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

PORT 380 - Latin American Studies Seminar (4)

Exploration of special topics on Latin American culture and civilization, using an interdisciplinary approach. This course may also be taken as LAST 380 or SPAN 380 and may be cross-listed as a special topics course in disciplines related to Latin American studies. SPAN 380 is taught in Spanish; LAST 380 is taught in English. Prereqs: PORT 202, SPAN 202, or SPAN 203; or the equivalent; and permission of the program director. Offered: On rotation.

Critical Languages - Russian**RUSS 101 - Elementary Russian I (4)**

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Russian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

RUSS 102 - Elementary Russian II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Russian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of RUSS 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

RUSS 201 - Intermediate Russian I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Russian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of RUSS 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

RUSS 202 - Intermediate Russian II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Russian. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of RUSS 201. Offered Spring

RUSS 205 - Intermediate Russian III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Russian, including study of the culture; and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: RUSS 202. Offered: Fall.

RUSS 206 - Intermediate Russian IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing the target language and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two to three intensive tutorial drills and one to two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: RUSS 205. Offered: Spring.

RUSS 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

RUSS 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

RUSS 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

RUSS 345 - Language-Across-the-Curriculum (1)

Mentored experience in the reading of content-specific texts. May be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits, with different host classes. Prereqs: Successful completion of at least one 4-credit upper-level Russian course or the equivalent, concurrent enrollment in an approved host class in another discipline, and permission of the program director. Offered: Upon request.

RUSS 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

RUSS 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

RUSS 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

RUSS 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

RUSS 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Swahili**SWAH 101 - Elementary Swahili I (4)**

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Swahili. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

SWAH 102 - Elementary Swahili II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Swahili. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of SWAH 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

SWAH 201 - Intermediate Swahili I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Swahili. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of SWAH 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

SWAH 202 - Intermediate Swahili II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Swahili. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of SWAH 201. Offered: Spring.

SWAH 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

SWAH 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

SWAH 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

SWAH 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

SWAH 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

SWAH 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

SWAH 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

SWAH 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Thai

THAI 101 - Elementary Thai I (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Thai. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Offered: Fall.

THAI 102 - Elementary Thai II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Thai. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of THAI 101 or permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

THAI 201 - Intermediate Thai I (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Thai. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of THAI 102 or permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

THAI 202 - Intermediate Thai II (4)

Continued study in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Thai. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Successful completion of THAI 201. Offered: Spring.

THAI 205 - Intermediate Thai III (4)

Intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Thai and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: THAI 202 and permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

THAI 206 - Intermediate Thai IV (4)

Continued intensive practice of listening, speaking, reading, and writing Thai and presentation of further intermediate-level grammatical structures. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two-three intensive tutorial drills and one-two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: THAI 205 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

THAI 311 - Directed Teaching Experience I (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

THAI 321 - Directed Teaching Experience II (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

THAI 331 - Directed Teaching Experience III (1)

Guided practicum in language teaching to develop the individual's linguistic, instructional, and leadership skills. Prereqs: Successful completion of 202 level in the target language, or the equivalent, and permission of the program director.

THAI 351 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced I (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

THAI 352 - Language Study Abroad: Advanced II (4)

Intensive practice of audio-lingual skills and advanced grammatical structures in a setting abroad where the target language is spoken. Stresses practical communication and effective self-expression in the target language.

THAI 353 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies I (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

THAI 354 - Language Study Abroad: Cultural Studies II (4)

Study of civilization and culture and overview of contemporary society in a target-culture setting abroad.

THAI 360 - Language for Missions Internship (1-4 each term of service)

Missions fieldwork in a country where the target language is spoken, under the direction of a Samford mentor and on-site mission personnel. Open to all students with intermediate language proficiency or higher in the target language. Prereq: Permission of the program director and department chair. Offered: As needed.

Critical Languages - Vietnamese**VIET 101 - Elementary Vietnamese I (4)**

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Vietnamese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereq: Permission of the program director. Offered: Fall.

VIET 102 - Elementary Vietnamese II (4)

Introduction to understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Vietnamese. Self-instructional (text and AV material), with two intensive tutorial drills and two laboratory sessions per week. Prereqs: VIET 101 and permission of the program director. Offered: Spring.

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Addendum

Samford University Sexual Misconduct Policy

I. Statements of Policy and Non-Discrimination

A. Policy Statement.

The mission of Samford University (“Samford” or the “University”) is to nurture persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith, and personhood. As a Christian university, Samford fosters academic, career and ethical competency while encouraging social and civic responsibility and service to others. Consistent with, and in furtherance of these objectives and purposes, Samford is committed to providing an academic, social, and employment environment that is free from sexual harassment, assault, exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, as such terms are defined in this Policy, and which are collectively referred to as “Sexual Misconduct.” Among other things, this Policy prohibits specific Sexual Misconduct that violates Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (“Title IX”), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (“VAWA”), and/or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (“Title VII”). It is also a violation of this Policy to retaliate against a person for filing a complaint of Sexual Misconduct or for cooperating in a Sexual Misconduct investigation, adjudication, or informal resolution. Individuals who are determined to be responsible for a violation of this Policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment or expulsion from the University. Samford will respond promptly and equitably to reports of Sexual Misconduct and will take appropriate action to eliminate and prevent its recurrence and correct and address its effects.

B. Notice of Non-Discrimination.

In accordance with applicable federal and state laws, such as Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act and ADA Amendments, the University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, religion, or any other protected status under federal, state or local law applicable to the University, in its education policies, programs, and activities, in its admissions policies, in employment policies and practices, and all other areas of the University. As a religious institution, the University is exempted from certain laws and regulations concerning discrimination.

Sex discrimination is prohibited by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, a federal law that provides that: “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.” The University is required by Title IX and its regulations not to engage in sex discrimination in its education program or activity, including admissions and employment. Sex discrimination is conduct based upon an individual’s sex that excludes an individual from participation in, denies the individual the benefits of, or treats the individual differently in, the education program or activity. Sexual Harassment, as defined in this Policy, is a form of sex discrimination. In accordance with Title IX and its regulations, this Policy addresses the University’s prohibition of the following forms of sex discrimination: Title IX Sexual Harassment, Non-Title IX Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Exploitation.

The University will not tolerate Sexual Misconduct in any form. The University will promptly and equitably respond to all reports of Sexual Misconduct in order to take steps to eliminate the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects on any individual or the community.

Inquiries or complaints about Title IX Sexual Harassment, Non-Title IX Sexual Harassment, or other forms of Sexual Misconduct may be directed to the University’s Title IX Coordinator: Lisa Overton, Title IX Coordinator and Student Conduct Coordinator, UC 352D, lwoverto@samford.edu, (205) 726-2764.

Inquiries or complaints may also be directed to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights: The Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-1100, Telephone: (800) 421-3481, Facsimile: (202) 453-6012 TDD#: (800) 877-8339, Email: OCR@ed.gov, <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.
